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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your 10<sup>th</sup> e-Bulletin for 2017. As always send me any information you have to share in our e-Bulletin at [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto: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 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](http://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. New Executive for Oral History Queensland**

On 14 October the Annual General Meeting was held for Oral History Queensland. We are very pleased to now advise members that a new Executive team was elected. Our new President is Margie Brown; new Treasurer is Suzanne Bosanquet and new Secretary is Elisabeth Gondwe. They are very enthusiastic about the future of Oral History Queensland and considering options for the next national oral history conference due to be held in Queensland in 2019. You can meet our new Executive [here](#).

## **2. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Events**

The RHSQ has events coming up in November and early December:

**8 November** – 12.30 pm Wednesday Lunchtime Talk with Phil Castle: *Western Front France, WW1*

**14 November** – RHSQ AGM, 6.00 pm, Commissariat Store

**18 November** – Possible bus trip to Warwick for the Warwick Egg Incident Special Day. Please, let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in an organised bus trip to Warwick on the 18 November 2017 with cost appr. \$60 per person.

**10 December** - Separation Day Celebrations: please find [invitation](#) and [payment slip](#) attached.

**13 December** - 12:30pm - Wednesday Lunchtime Talk with Greg Hallam: *The Warwick Egg Incident, 1917*

Please find [attached](#) an invitation to a program – *Tertiary Education in Queensland: Before There Were Universities* - organised by Brisbane History Group on 18 November.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office on 07 3221 4198.

Kind Regards,  
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### **3. British Library Sounds**

The oral history collections at the British Library cover a wide range of subject areas. The interviews made available here are only a small selection from the many thousands held in the British Library. Find out more [here](#).

### **4. New Oral History Australia President**

During the recent Oral History Australia National Conference the National Annual General Meeting was held and a new President elected – Alistair Thomson. Here are his thoughts about where he sees OHA's future.

"I'm both honoured and delighted to be elected President of Oral History Australia at the recent AGM. First of all I want to pay credit to Sue Anderson for her stalwart work, in many capacities including President, over the last several years. As our journal editor and international representative Sue will continue to play a key role."

Read more [here](#).

### **5. Practicing Oral History**

Oral history offers tremendous opportunities for interpreting the past and the increasingly complex present through the words of those who have lived it. The recorded interview, along with careful planning, solid background research, and archiving, form the basis of oral history methodology. Find out more about this book series [here](#).

### **6. Hazel de Berg Award for Excellence in Oral History**

At the recent national conference Dr Karen George was awarded the Hazel de Berg Award for Excellence in Oral History. Karen's extensive career exemplifies all that is inspiring about working in oral history. She has spent many years amplifying the voices of those normally overlooked or forgotten by others and has participated as an oral historian in some of the most important national projects in Australia, such as the 'Bringing Them Home' Oral History project (1999-2002) and the 'Forgotten Australians and Child Migrants Oral History project

(2009-2012). These two projects underline her strong commitment over time to Indigenous people and children vulnerable to abuse in state institutions. Read the full citation [here](#).

## 7. Transfigure: Learning in Cultural Environments Seminar

Miri Young, Head of Learning Innovation at Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa, Tongarewa's keynote presentation at the *Transfigure Seminar* is now available to view. The seminar explored learning initiatives in museums and galleries and stimulated discussion around the way cultural organisations provide learning opportunities to engage their visitors.

<https://vimeo.com/magsq>

## 8. Shooting the Past

A new history program from ABC RN *Shooting The Past* brings you Australian history through a new lens. Each episode features a historical event or era, and starts with a single photograph and the question; what is going on in this picture?

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/shootingthepast/>

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## 9. Related Histories: Studying the Family

This is a two-day conference convened by the National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, and the Centre for Applied History, Macquarie University, in partnership with the National Library of Australia. It will consider some of the big questions in family history in keynote addresses, and hear from a wide variety of family history practitioners through research papers and ten-minute presentations. The conference will allow space for discussion and debate of the key questions: How can the different sectors – academics, students, genealogists, and amateur historians – work together to support the development of family history?

**When:** 28-29th November, 9am - 5pm

**Where:** National Library of Australia, Parkes Place, Barton, ACT

Further Information: <http://ncb.anu.edu.au/event/related-histories>

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## 10. Digital Directions Symposium

“Each year the National Film and Sound Archive runs a Digital Directions Symposium to explore key issues in the preservation sector. What do we collect? How do we do it? How will it be used? Get it wrong and we have no heritage, or hide it in deep caves beneath a bureaucratic dragon.” Read more about this symposium, told in two parts by Dominic Case with links to further information. [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).

## 11. South Australia/Northern Territory Newsletter

For your information and interest, you may see the South Australia/Northern Territory newsletter, Word of Mouth, Spring 2017 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 October 2017.

## 12. Fraser Coast Workshops

Oral History Queensland in partnership with Fraser Coast Libraries are running oral history “basics” workshops at Maryborough (23 November) and Hervey Bay (24 November). Highly experienced oral historian, Lesley Jenkins, will be facilitating the workshops. Bookings are essential. Find out more [here](#).

'Ah pet, I've been wandering down memory lane. Not always a comfortable place to be.' Says Vera in *The Seagull* by Ann Cleeves.