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Hi OHAA-Qld members, here is your 11th E-Bulletin for 2013, coming a day early as I'm going away for the weekend. There is a lot of great reading and listening here for you. If you have information to share we would love to receive it. Please also check out our Blog which is updated weekly – there are some reports about the National Oral History Conference in South Australia – look for the headings beginning “OHAA National Conference ...”. There were excellent workshops on “Vicarious Trauma” and “Retrieving Memories” and I've given you summaries on the Blog. 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. Visit our web site: [www.ohaaqld.org.au](http://www.ohaaqld.org.au).

**Suzanne Mulligan**

## **1. Australian Generations Project, October progress report**

Please read the progress report on this project. You will see there are categories of people they have yet to interview. Perhaps you can help with this by passing on to your networks. <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Australian-Generations-Project-Progress-Report-October-2013.pdf>

## **2. StoryVault**

This website <http://www.storyvault.com/> was recently brought to my attention. Contributors are encouraged to video their stories and upload them to the site. They vary in quality but you will find some of them very interesting.

## **3. Australian Biography**

This website is very professional and has all the interviews conducted by experienced interviewer Robin Hughes with “extraordinary Australians”. There are many interesting and well-known persons interviewed by Robin. See <http://www.australianbiography.gov.au/> This website has also been added to our Delicious page.

## **4. West Australia newsletter**

For your information and interest you may see the West Australia newsletter, Playback November 2013 here <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Play-Back-WA-November-2013.pdf> This has many very interesting articles. Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 9 December 2013.

## **5. Membership Renewal and Journals**

A reminder to those of you who haven't yet renewed your membership which was due on 1 July 2013 to please send us your payment. You will then receive your copy of the OHAA Journal No. 35, 2013. All financial members should have received their Journals now. If you have not received it, please let me know.

## **6. 2014 Journal – Call for Papers**

Contributions are invited for papers to be published in the 2014 Journal. There are three main categories and you can find all the information required here - [http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Call for papers for 2014 Journal1.pdf](http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Call_for_papers_for_2014_Journal1.pdf)

## **7. Londoners – Book Review**

One of our members, Margaret Ridley, has recently read a book *Londoners* by Craig Taylor. Please read her review here - <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/london-book-review.pdf>

## **8. Marsali Mackinnon - Canberra**

One of our very active members who often attended our committee meetings has moved back to Canberra. She will be greatly missed but we look forward to seeing her some time in 2014. She has written a couple of articles. The first, about her new job is here - <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/MM-new-job.pdf>

## 9. Stan Ritova

OHAA-Qld member Marsali MacKinnon is working on a new oral history and biography project on the life of pioneering Fiji journalist and Reuters correspondent Stan Ritova. Read more about Marsali's project here - <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Stan-Ritova.pdf>

## 10. Anzac Memories by Alistair Thomson

Alistair Thomson has revisited his 1994 book *Anzac Memories – Living With The Legend*, based on his interviews with World War I veterans done in the 1980s. For the new edition, Alistair was given access to the records of the Veterans' Affairs Department to find more information about his interviewees. Read this article written by Alistair for The Age - <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/healing-histories-20131109-2x8wo.html> and listen to an ABC interview with Alistair about his book here - <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/hindsight/anzac-memories-revisited/5064558> You may purchase the book here <http://www.publishing.monash.edu/books/am2-9781921867583.html>

## 11. New England Sound Walks

OHAA-Qld member Hamish Sewell is taking his The Story Project to New England. He says "After many months of hard work, long and grinding grant applications and complex negotiations with app developers, we're finally heading to New England to start producing GPS sound walks. This comes on the back of the work The Story Project did in Uralla last year and we're very excited as we believe this is something of a first in Australia." Read more about this project here - <http://www.thestoryproject.org.au/2013/it-begins-new-england-sound-walks/#>

## 12. In time and place: local history, family history, social history

Date claimer Saturday and Sunday 3 & 4 October 2015

A New Event for Queensland - *In time and place: local history, family history, social history*

History Queensland Inc. has joined with the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc. and Queensland Family History Society Inc. to organise a conference that breaks new ground in Queensland. It will focus on the close links between local and family history which are so much a part of the activities of our member organisations. The conference, titled *In time and place: local history, family history, social history* will provide talks in two streams - one for local historians and one for family historians. There will also be key sessions when topics of common interest will be presented. Talks will be supported by a wide range of stalls displaying the resources and work of societies, research repositories as well as commercial organisations.

It is to be held in Brisbane on **Saturday-Sunday, 3 - 4 October 2015**. Please notify your committee and members of this as a date claimer for the second half of 2015. At this initial planning stage, organising committee members are inviting all History Queensland Inc. member societies to suggest topics for talks that would help your society or your own local and/or family history activities. The organising committee welcomes more members to its number. In particular, we need more representatives from local history organisations to ensure the needs of their groups are met. Become part of this important initiative for local and family history in Queensland. I invite your suggestions and queries.

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### **13. Committee meeting on North Stradbroke Island**

At our last committee meeting one of our members who attended, Elisabeth Gondwe, invited us to have our next committee meeting at the North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum. This invitation was enthusiastically received. We plan to have our meeting on the Saturday morning of 15 February 2014. Elisabeth has proposed that we catch the Stradbroke Flyer water taxi [www.flyer.com.au](http://www.flyer.com.au) which is the first water taxi company you come to at the end of Middle Street, Cleveland. The trip across to the island takes about 25 minutes. The water taxi leaves at 55 minutes past the hour. We plan to catch the 8.55 am water taxi and will be met by Elisabeth about 9.20 am. The Stradbroke Flyer water taxi docks at One Mile which is right beside the Cemetery and Little Ships Club. Elisabeth will give us a guided walk of the island's historic cemetery on the way to the museum where we will have our meeting. We then plan to have lunch at the Little Ships Club. This will be a great opportunity to see this beautiful island and explore some of its rich history. You can find out more about the island at <http://stradbrokeisland.com/about-straddie/> Perhaps you might like to make a weekend of it. This is a general timetable of our plan for the day which will be fine-tuned as we get closer to the time. I do hope a number of you will join with me in attending our meeting at this wonderful location. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us.

### **14. EOI – Australian Geoscience Project (a reminder)**

Expressions of Interest: Contract Oral Historian, Oral histories of Australian Geoscience project (Only Australian residents may apply)

The National Library of Australia, in partnership with Geoscience Australia, is seeking interviewers with extensive experience and understanding of history, oral history methodology and a science, geoscience or science history background, to conduct oral history interviews. The project will document key developments in Australia's national geoscience knowledge and activities over the period 1960 – 2012, through oral history recordings with individuals who were active in furthering Australian geoscience over this period. In particular, the recordings will capture the technical, political and social contexts for the changing nature of geoscience in Australia, and the evolving role of the national geoscience and geospatial research agencies and their relationship with geospatial industry. Although professional life within Australian geoscience will be the focus, the interviews will cover the whole-of-life of the individual being interviewed and will seek to understand motivations and personal and shared aspirations.

The contract interviewers will be guided by the Project Advisory Committee to reflect the key aspects of the history it seeks to capture. The contract interviewers will be expected to record up to 80 whole-of-life interviews of around five hours duration each over a two year period. Training in the use of the National Library recording equipment will be provided; and the interviewer must use Library Rights Agreement forms and follow Library procedure and protocols. Interviews will be documented using established Library standards and interviewers will be required to make timed summaries. The interviewer must adhere to the conditions outlined in the Library's Oral History Interviewer Contract and apply the appropriate ethical practices expected of a professional oral historian in all other circumstances.

Your EOI must include:

Your name and current position  
Your Curriculum Vitae including a statement of your skills, knowledge and experience relevant to the position  
References

To apply, send your expression of interest to: [oralhist@nla.gov.au](mailto:oralhist@nla.gov.au)

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday **6 December 2013**.

Any queries can be directed to Marian Hanley, Senior Librarian, (ph) (02) 6262 1545, [mhanley@nla.gov.au](mailto:mhanley@nla.gov.au) or Shelly Grant, Acting Curator, Oral History and Folklore, 02 6262 1636, [sgrant@nla.gov.au](mailto:sgrant@nla.gov.au).

## **15. Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame Fellowship**

To encourage research and writing about Queensland's business history, State Library has established a new fellowship opportunity. The Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame Fellowship will be awarded to a research project that enhances our knowledge of Queensland's business history. The Fellowship includes a \$15,000 stipend, a study space within the John Oxley Library for 6 months and access to library staff expertise. Visit the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame website - <http://leaders.slq.qld.gov.au/> in late January 2014 for more information and to download an application form.

The Fellowship is a Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame initiative presented by SLQ, QUT Business School and Queensland Library Foundation. To learn more about State Library's fellowship program, including the John Oxley Library Fellowship, please visit the Queensland Memory Awards webpage <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/awards/qmawards>.

*Chrissi Theodosiou, State Library of Queensland*

## **16. Audio-visual materials in personal collections**

What are you doing for your personal audio-visual collections? It can be difficult to achieve optimal conditions for these materials, but here are some useful tips for the home.

- Tapes need to be stored in a dry, stable, cool atmosphere. Choose an inner room within the house where temperatures are less likely to fluctuate. Avoid exterior walls.
- Keep the room clean and contents off the floor. Storing the material in boxes on shelving offers more protection against dust and the natural environment.
- Store tapes vertically or upright and in archival enclosures if possible.
- Maintain your old tape player. Don't throw it out! It is good practice to exercise (play and rewind) tapes at least once a year on a quality machine.
- Transfer the contents to digital format and store on a computer hard drive. Remember CDs and DVDs are not forever! Backups provide safer security.

More info on World Day for Audio-visual Heritage -

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/access-to-knowledge/archives/world-day-for-audiovisual-heritage/>

*Swee Cheng Wong, State Library of Queensland*

Editor's note – the above two items came from SLQ's Queensland Memory. You may like to subscribe to this yourself. The full bulletin here -

<http://queenslandmemory.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/r/D7EC2DF9200F98782540EF23F30FEDED/0A9DC6448E8DF4626D5E5F9A8728A5A6>

## 17. Smithsonian Fellowships

New Round Open - Applications for the 2013-14 Smithsonian and Cooper-Hewitt Fellowship Programs are now open. The Smithsonian Fellowship program will see three lucky Queenslanders awarded Fellowships of up to \$30,000 which cover airfares and living expenses for up to six months, and enable the fellows to work at a range of Smithsonian Institutes internationally.

For more information go to the Smithsonian Fellowships webpage - <http://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/science/grants/smithsonian-fellowships> or go to the Queenslanders: apply to collaborate with the Smithsonian Institute media release <http://www.chiefscientist.qld.gov.au/assets/Smithsonian22112013.pdf>

## 18. Unlock the Past Seminar

History Queensland has advised this seminar will take place on Saturday 1 February 2014 at Red Hill. See more information here - <http://www.ohaql.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Unlock-the-Past-seminar.pdf>

## 19. Memoir Writing Workshop

The Gold Coast Writers' Workshops has advised that this workshop will take place on Saturday 15 March 2014 at Burleigh Heads. See here for details and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alan-close-fiction-or-memoir-writing-a-story-from-your-own-life-workshop-tickets-9430393561>

## 20. Digitization and Democratization of Oral History

Read Clifford Kuhn's recently published article in Perspectives on History, the newsmagazine of the American Historical Association. Mr Kuhn is the Executive Director of the Oral History Association in the USA:

<http://historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/november-2013/the-digitization-and-democratization-of-oral-history>

**"When you play songs, you can bring back people's memories of when they fell in love. That's where the power lies." – John Berendt, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*.**