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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your 11th and final e-Bulletin for 2018. Hope you all had a great Christmas and looking forward to 2019. With the Oral History Australia National Conference to be held in Brisbane, we oral historians have much to look forward to.

Please send me any information you have to share in our e-Bulletin at mulligan53@inet.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 and “**Like**” our **Facebook page**. It’s good to see our Likes are growing, as we put some interesting information on there as well as on our Blog. So 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. Call for Presentations Oral History Australia Conference, Brisbane, Australia 2019 – a reminder

Oral History Australia's next biennial conference will be held at the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane from 10 to 13 October 2019 and proposals for presentations are now being accepted. See [Call for Presentations](#), due by 1 March 2019.

The 2019 Biennial Oral History Australia Conference takes place in our 40th anniversary year. Oral History Queensland and Oral History Australia are presenting the conference in partnership with the State Library of Queensland and Queensland Memory. The theme is Intimate Stories, Challenging Histories. For more information about the conference, click [here](#). Please use [this document](#) to “spread the word” about the conference to your networks. Thank you.

2. Welcome to New Members

Oral History Queensland is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Melanie Rush
Vicki Dunstan
Robin McConchie

3. West Australia Newsletter

For your information and interest, you may see the West Australia newsletter, Playback, December 2018 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 January 2019.

4. Charlie & Olwyn: Love, Loss & Legacy

In 2004 I had the great privilege of recording an interview with [Olwyn Green](#). This remarkable woman had experienced a great tragedy with the loss of her husband Charlie Green early in the Korean War. In her retirement Olwyn set out to learn as much as she could about that war and the Australians who fought there. She amassed a large collection, including oral history interviews with as many veterans as she could, and deposited it in the Australian War Memorial.

About two years ago, I was approached by filmmaker Jacques Sheard who was interested in making a documentary about the Korean War. Earlier this month I learned the film was completed. Olwyn and I are delighted with the outcome. You may view the film [here](#).
Suzanne Mulligan

5. The Corley Explorer

Home: a suburban obsession is about the allure of home and the stories found within, inspired by one of the largest digitised photographic collections of Queensland houses. It explores the social and emotional foundations of our houses through ephemera and artistic responses capturing the places we call home.

During the 1960s and 70s, Frank and Eunice roamed the suburbs photographing houses in South-East Queensland. Fifty years on, the legacy of their efforts is an extensive collection of images that indiscriminately capture Queensland housing stock – from the architectural to the ramshackle.

For those unable to view this exhibition in person at the State Library of Queensland, the collection can also be viewed online with the Corley Explorer. To launch the Corley Explorer, click here: explorer.corley.slq.gov.au

7th Dec 2018 - 14th July 2019 10:00am-5:00pm SLQ Gallery, level 2, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, South Bank, South Brisbane. Free admission.
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6. Oral History Victoria Awards

Congratulations to Kirby Fenwick (pictured left) whose audio documentary '[The First Friday in February](#)' took out the 2018 Oral History Victoria Award at our awards and annual general meeting night on 25 October 2018. [Find out more](#) about Kirby's project and the work of our other 2018 finalists.

7. Goondiwindi Region History

Oral History Queensland received this brochure in the mail. We're sharing this with our members here:

Beyond and beneath what appears to be a region comprising primarily of pastoral properties, farms and a series of towns and settlements, lies an engaging and interesting history. See more [here](#).

8. Brisbane City Council History Grants

Council's Brisbane History Grants program incorporates the **Community History Grants** and the **Lord Mayor's Helen Taylor Research Award for Local History**. These initiatives aim to increase the community's access to and appreciation of Brisbane's history and heritage.

Funding amounts for the [Community History Grants](#) range from \$5000 to \$20,000. The Lord Mayor's Helen Taylor Research Award is one award up to \$20,000.

Check out [past recipients](#) to see what could be eligible. This is a great opportunity to bring some innovation into your heritage site.

Closes: Monday 4 February 2019

9. Computer Scientist Evelyn Berezin Dies

"Evelyn Berezin, a computer scientist who designed the world's first word processor, has died at the age of 93.

In addition to revolutionizing how the world writes, Berezin also developed the first computer system for making airline reservations — and an automated banking system, a weapons-targeting calculator and gambling terminals for horse tracks, [according to the BBC](#)." Read full story, which includes link to her oral history [here](#).

10. 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages

Date Claimer - closes: 1 March 2019. The United Nations declared 2019 The Year of Indigenous Languages in order to raise awareness of them, not only to benefit the people who speak these languages, but also for others to appreciate the important contribution they make to our world's rich cultural diversity.

For more information, visit <https://en.iyil2019.org/>

11. Changes to Copyright Duration

If you're an author, artist, musician or filmmaker, upcoming changes to terms of copyright protection could affect you.

On 1 January 2019, amendments to copyright duration under the Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Act 2017 come into effect. For the first time in Australia, a copyright term will apply to unpublished materials (which currently have unlimited copyright protection). These changes are designed to simplify and harmonise copyright terms, and will enable appropriate access to historic unpublished materials held in our museums, libraries and other cultural institutions. For more information, visit arts.gov.au

12. The Royal Historical Society of Queensland News

Oral History Queensland is a member of RHSQ. Below information from Manager Ilona Fekete:

"Dear Members,

The RHSQ would not function without its members, thank you for your support in 2018 and wishing you happy holidays. The museum will be closed between 22 December 2018 and 7 January 2019. Reopens on Tuesday, 8 January 2019.

Save the date for the next upcoming big event in 2019:

16 February 2019 - 9am to 1pm - Remembering Armistice Conference

The conference will examine the aftermath of Armistice with the following speakers: Mark Cryle: Armistice Day; Jeff Hopkins-Weise and Greg Czechura– Importance of War Trophies; Prof Cliff Pollard: Repatriation of the Sick and Wounded (Joint with Jeff Hopkins Weise); Neville Buch and Debra Jordan: The changing definition of peace; Carmel Black : Anzac Cottages; Michael Fiechtner: Burying the Dead of the Great War.

Morning tea will be served in the break. Detailed schedule will be available in January. Tickets are \$25 for RHSQ members / \$30 for guests. Please find attached the [poster](#) and [payment slip](#), feel free to distribute it.

Tickets online: <http://www.queenslandhistory.org/event/remembering-armistice-conference/>

Happy and safe holiday:

Ilona Fekete"

13. Studs Terkel Radio Archive

"Welcome to the relaunch of the Studs Terkel Radio Archive Newsletter! My name is Matthew Byrd and I am the Social Media Coordinator at the archive. I'll be authoring these newsletters every month or so to let you know about the latest news and events coming out of the archive, as well as spotlighting some of Studs' more fascinating conversations." Read more [here](#).

14. National Oral History Association of New Zealand Conference Reflections

Oral History Queensland President Elisabeth Gondwe attended the recent National Oral History Association of New Zealand. Read her report [here](#).

15. Memory

Here we look at different aspects of memory:

1. Memory Loss and Identity
“Our memories and the stories we tell about our lives form the basis of our sense of self. If a brain disorder damages memory it’s not clear what remains of the person left behind. A neurologist from the UK explores memory and identity through the moving stories of her patients.” ABC Radio National, listen to the program [here](#).
2. The Fiction of Memory
Professor Elizabeth Loftus explains why we can’t always trust our own mind. Read the full story and watch the fascinating video [here](#).
3. Early Childhood Memories
“We experience thousands of events across childhood, and yet as adults we recall only a handful. Some might be “firsts” (our first ice cream, our first day at school), or significant life events (the birth of a sibling, moving house). Others are surprisingly trivial.” Read full story [here](#).
4. Memory Science
“Memories are notoriously unreliable, yet desperately essential, for retaining our sense of self.” A new book *Diving for Seahorses* by Norwegian sisters Hilde Østby and Ylva Østby examine the science. Read about and listen to them [here](#).

‘It happens as you get older: the past bears down on you more and more until sometimes you spend more time living there than in the present.’ *Scrublands* by Chris Hammer.