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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your second e-Bulletin for 2020 and hope you're all okay and got the rain you needed.

If you have information to share in our e-Bulletin please email me 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**. We try to put some interesting information related to oral history on our Facebook page as well as on our Blog. Feel free to add a comment. All feedback is very welcome.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. Pacific Stories of Loss & Grief due to Climate Change

Member Marsali Mackinnon writes: “Spotted the item below on ABC’s Pacific Beat website late last year. It has an oral history/digital storytelling/Pacific/Qld angle that might interest. UQ’s Dr Karen McNamara is using oral history techniques to help Pacific communities hit by climate change – it reminds me of the great work OHQ did with devastated Qld communities– notably Cardwell in FNQ - after Cyclone Yasi. **Project to record Pacific stories of loss and grief caused by climate change** by Liam Fox on Pacific Beat 31 October 2019. <https://www.abc.net.au/radio-australia/programs/pacificbeat/project-to-record-stories-of-climate-change-loss-and-grief/11656948>. **UQ project manager** – researcher Dr Karen McNamara: <https://researchers.uq.edu.au/researcher/2938>

2. History Transmitted: connect – consider - challenge

Professional Historians Australia has its next National Conference in Brisbane on 28-29 August 2020. The historian’s job in the 21st century is richer than ever before. Technological advancements have created new audiences with diverse needs, and allowed historians to chart and chronicle the past with greater speed and depth than ever before. These developments in our profession have created new challenges and new learnings. Find out more [here](#).

3. Changes to Oral History Australia Journal

At a recent OHA committee meeting a number of significant changes to the management of the OHA Journal were approved. These included making the journal open access and expanding the editorial board. The change to open access means that the current 2019 journal no longer needs to be password-protected on the OHA website, an arrangement that has made it difficult for some members to access the journal. The current journal is now accessible through the main menu on the OHA website. A news item on the changes to the journal is now available here: <https://www.oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/article/journal-now-open-access>. Also, a reminder about the deadlines for articles for the 2020 journal.

4. Army History Research Grants

Applications are now open for the 2020-21 round of the Army History Research Grants Scheme. Applications close 13 March 2020. See more information [here](#).

5. "Rethinking Oral History and Oral Tradition"

Book review *Rethinking Oral History and Oral Tradition: An Indigenous Perspective* by Nepia Mahuika. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019 (Oxford Oral History Series). 288 pp. 978-0-1906-81685, Hardcover, \$74.00

"Nepia Mahuika has authored a book deeply needed by the field of oral history. It is a book that has the potential to destabilize productively and transform how we as oral historians think about our work." For full review click [here](#). Read selected pages [here](#).

6. Oral History Peer Project Support – a reminder

Experienced oral historian Anne Monsour will have the next of these meetings on 7 March 2020 at the State Library, Room 4D on 4th floor from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to learn and share their experiences. If you want more information and let us know you're coming, please email Anne at monsvarg@optusnet.com.au. This initiative benefits new and experienced OHQ members. So come along and talk to Anne about what you're working on or would like to work on. This is a great opportunity for members to receive advice and interact with other members.

7. The Royal Historical Society of Queensland News

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

Dear Members,

Please find attached the RHSQ March Bulletin with many interesting information. Upcoming events at the RHSQ:

What else could be topic of **March Wednesday talk** but St Patrick's Day! Robin and Rod Sullivan will give a talk "Irishness on Parade: St Patrick's Day in Brisbane 1885-2019" on 11 March from 12:30. Please register your interest: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-patricks-day-in-brisbane-1886-2019-by-rodney-and-robin-sullivan-tickets-89185601535>

March is very uneventful otherwise, so please save the date for the upcoming conferences in May, and book your tickets. Both conferences commemorate James Cook's arrival to the shores of Australia 250 years ago. Details through the links:

23 May, Saturday Brisbane Conference – Ngalda Nadja: A conference to honour two cultures. <https://queenslandhistory.org/events/ngalda-ngadja-brisbane-conference/>

29 May, Friday Town of 1770 and Agnes Water - Nghulin Monduran – a conference of shared stories. <https://queenslandhistory.org/events/cook-250-1770/>

Please let me know if you have :

- Any events to share with members of the RHSQ
- Any skills in the area of marketing, communication, advertising, event management, and would be happy to contribute to the life of the RHSQ as a volunteer.

Best regards,

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8. Conservation of Records and Objects

Blue Shield Australia (BSA) is one of the national committees of an international organisation working to protect the world's cultural heritage threatened by natural disasters and they have a well-developed website with information on how to tackle this daunting task. They can help with information relating to:

- How to salvage precious belongings?
- Salvaging fire-damaged possessions
- Salvaging water-damaged materials
- Recovering fire-damaged records
- Recovering flood-damaged records
- Preserving information and records

Please pass on this link to anyone in need <http://blueshieldaustralia.org.au/resources/>

9. New Zealand Oral History Conference – a reminder

NZ Conference to be held at Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies and the National Oral History Association of New Zealand (NOHANZ) Te Kete Kōrero-a-Waha o Te Motu Victoria University of Wellington 3 – 5 July 2020. To submit a proposal please send a title, 200-word (maximum) abstract, and a brief (two sentence) biography to Stout-centre@vuq.ac.nz by 18 April 2020. For more information click [here](#).

10. International Oral History Association Conference, Singapore – a reminder

The International Oral History Association Conference will be held in Singapore from 22 to 26 June 2020 with the theme "Harmony and Disharmony". At the core of oral history is a desire for a more complex and nuanced understanding of the world around us. While we

value each oral account as unique, personal and subjective, bringing together many voices – whether in agreement or disagreement – allows greater meaning to be gleaned, refined and accumulated. For more information, click [here](#).

“As human beings, our earliest years reside in a land before memory.” *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides