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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your final e-Bulletin for 2019, as we begin 2020, already 20 years in to the 21st Century. Hope you had a wonderful Christmas wherever you were. I had Christmas and Boxing Day with family, always good to get together. It's been terrible for people struggling with the drought and then the nightmare of bushfires. I hope you are all safe.

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. Oral History Australia Journal Reviews

The Editors and Reviews Editor of the OHAJ are calling for expressions of interest from OHA members for reviews of relevant websites, exhibitions and performances for inclusion in the 2020 edition of the OHAJ.

Please contact Reviews Editor Gemmia Burden g.burden@uq.edu.au

See also <https://www.oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/oha-journal1.html> for request for contributions, closing dates and style guides.

2. Welcome to New Members

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

Margaret Cook
Karen Harper
Richard McLaren
Louise McLeod

3. Real People as Human Books

The State Library of Queensland is trialing a program in Brisbane where you can check out a "human book". Once a month, library visitors will be able to borrow a real person with a unique story to share. Find out more [here](#).

4. PhD Scholarships Available

Further to the article in the November e-Bulletin regarding the four PhD scholarships, here's the latest advertisement for the Queensland Atlas of Religion scholarships, with the new closing date of 17 January: <https://graduate-school.uq.edu.au/qld-atlas-religion>

Please circulate to any other interested parties. Thank you.

5. '1971' New Book on India and Pakistan History

"India and Pakistan still define themselves in opposition to each other, claiming to be everything the other is not - more pious, righteous, secular, progressive than those across the border. Patriotism is more often than not based on hostility towards the other," stresses Pakistani author Anam Zakaria, whose third book '1971' (Penguin) will be released in India soon. Read more [here](#).

6. The History Listen

From the ABC, new and compelling stories from Australia and around the world, told by some of our most popular and trusted historians. Step inside a time machine for an immersive journey through history, where stories of people, places and events bring the past vividly into our present world [here](#).

7. Oral History Peer Project Support

Last year we began a new initiative beneficial to new and experienced OHQ members to come along and discuss projects they are working on or are considering. This is a great opportunity to help members who need advice. Experienced oral historian Anne Monsour will have the next meeting 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 and share their experiences, something that oral historians are very good at doing. So please mark your calendar. If you want more information and let us know you're coming, please email Anne at monsvarq@optusnet.com.au

8. John and Ruth Kerr Medal Nominations

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland Manager Ilona Fekete says:

Dear RHSQ Members,

Nominations are called for the John and Ruth Kerr Medal which is awarded each year for distinction in research and writing Australian History. Details of the award are

available on the Society's website at: <http://www.queenslandhistory.org/awards-and-medals/>

The criteria for the award are:

1. Demonstrated excellence in historical research in any one or more fields of Queensland or Australian history
2. Demonstrated and identified use of wide-spread appropriate source material in the context of the nominee's research field or fields
3. Demonstrated objective analysis, distillation and interpretation of historical source material leading to the formation of historical arguments arising out of the research
4. Demonstrated acceptance of the highest standards of scholarship as judged by the Queensland community of professional historians, assessing the work of written contributions of the nominee
5. Is currently practicing as a historian at a professional standard.

9. Defence Grants

A grant opportunity that may be of interest to any Oral Historian across the state - open to academic and non-academic researchers. It's the Australian Army Research Grants Scheme, grants up to \$15,000

<https://www.grants.gov.au/?event=public.GO.show&GOUUID=45EF902C-A135-ABC6-78C30DFC69BC704F>

10. New Zealand Oral History Conference Call for Papers

Ko wai mātou? Who are we?

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

A common thread runs through the contemporary work of many philosophers, economists, geneticists, historians and novelists world-wide. Who are we? What unites us? What separates us? As we in Aotearoa New Zealand grapple with the consequences of colonisation 250 years on, questions of personal and collective identity resonate on multiple levels. Do we share any form of collective identity? We invite papers that explore "who are we?" in different and interesting ways.

To submit a proposal please send a title, 200-word (maximum) abstract, and a brief (two sentence) biography

To: Stout-centre@vuw.ac.nz

By: **Saturday 18 April 2020**

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact

Anna Green: anna.green@vuw.ac.nz

or

Ann Packer: nohanzexec@gmail.com

For more information about the conference click [here](#).

11. NOHANZ Newsletter

For your interest and information you may read The National Oral History Association of New Zealand December 2019 newsletter [here](#).

12. 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](#).

“Memories lay hidden in this landscape like a minefield, everywhere he looks, threatening to explode beneath him at any time, no matter how carefully he steps.” Silver by Chris Hammer