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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your seventh e-Bulletin for 2020. I hope you are all well and coping with our “new normal”.

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, particularly a lot of posts related to COVID-19. Feel free to add a comment. **All** feedback is very welcome.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. Psychology of Nostalgia

“If recently you’ve been poring over old photos and reminiscing, then you’re not alone. Take heart in learning that nostalgic reminiscing may be an effective strategy to cope with isolation, and perhaps to combat anxiety. But it’s a paradoxical emotion because it can be both sad and uplifting.” Listen to the podcast [here](#).

2. SA/NT Newsletter

For your interest and information, you may read the SA/NT Newsletter “Word of Mouth” for Autumn 2020 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be deleted on 14 August 2020.

3. Transmedial

Member Hamish Sewell has an interesting discussion with Adrienne Mackey:

“Adrienne Mackey calls it Transmedial. I call it locative media. Whatever the nomenclature, finding a project with the scale and creativity of [TrailOff](#) is a rare find today given the diminishing support for the arts in the time of Covid. One year in workshops, three years in

the making, TrailOff is a “walking performance” created by Adrienne’s company, Swim Pony, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), and Canadian app developers, Toasterlab.” Read the full article and watch the interview video [here](#).

4. Holocaust Survivor reflects on COVID-19

“This article features an interview conducted on April 20th, 2020 with Jerry Rawicki, a 93-year-old survivor of the Holocaust, about his experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic and how it compares to what happened to him during the Holocaust. The first author reflects briefly on her own experience of the pandemic and how she decided to focus on Jerry’s story. The frustrations and successes in using social media technology to conduct interviews are described. The article concludes with a discussion of connecting and engaging in meaningful activity as two significant ways to cope with our anxieties, fears, and sense of isolation during the pandemic.” Read full article [here](#).

5. Change of Title of Oral History Australia Journal

The Oral History Australia (OHA) journal is to be renamed *Studies in Oral History* from the next issue due later this year. Changing the title was first proposed and discussed at the 2019 OHA Biennial Conference in a session seeking member input in the future direction of the journal. Read more [here](#).

6. Oral Historians in Australian Historical Association Awards

The Australian Historical Association (AHA) has announced the winners of its 2020 annual and biennial prizes and awards and a number of oral historians feature among the recipients. Read more [here](#).

7. New Zealand Oral History Conference – Call for Papers

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
Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington
20-22 November 2020
See Call for Papers [here](#).

8. Trove – an Updated Version

The National Library of Australia (NLA) and Trove partners launched an updated version of Trove on 26 June 2020. Watch the recorded [online event](#) hosted by Annabel Crabb. Trove is a national treasure and resource enabling researchers, historians and community researchers to access knowledge of Australian culture and local content. At the launch the Minister for Communication and the Arts, Hon Paul Fletcher announced \$8 million dollars in funding over the next two years to support the ongoing development of Trove. The updated ‘help’ website and online tutorials offer advice on how to get the most out of your Trove experience. They include:

- a broad [introduction](#) to the new features in Trove;
- [new features](#) in your Trove account;

- [starting](#) your Trove search;
- [advanced searching](#) in Trove;
- [Trove categories](#); [Blog](#) on introducing categories;
- [Trove text correcting](#); tracking your edits

A [new feature](#) is the ability to explore treasures in collections in more detail in Trove. View [50 Treasures: celebrating 50 years of James Cook University](#) featured in Trove.
Cathie Oates, National Library of Australia

9. National Family History Month

National Family History Month (NFHM) is celebrated every August in Australia and New Zealand and is an initiative of the [Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations](#) (AFFHO). Many of the 2020 events will be online... but there is still plenty happening! If your group has a meeting or event planned in August, why not promote it as happening in Family History Month, and add it to the list of events on the website <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/events/>. There are already over 20 events listed, so you will surely find something to interest you... maybe some Zoom sessions, webinars or online exhibitions... or win a competition! (Remember that many of the events require prior registration due to limited numbers.)

See what is happening via the NFHM Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FamilyHistoryMonthAU/>

AFFHO have just released a July Newsflash #72 with more information https://affho.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/202007_AFFHO_Newsflash-special.pdf

10. Story Line

“When Australia, and the world, went into lockdown The Feed set up a phone line to receive voice memos from all over the country. This is the [story of Coronavirus](#), as told by you.”

11. Life Under Coronavirus

“Listen to episodes of Life Under Coronavirus: Long Island's Helpers, Newsday's podcast on the pandemic hosted by Mark Chiusano and produced by Amanda Fiscina. It's a look into how Long Islanders are meeting the challenge of COVID-19. Each episode features a Long Islander talking about his or her experience with coronavirus, with a focus on what people are doing to help. Join us to hear upbeat stories that show how Long Island is getting by under disease lockdown, an oral history for the period when this is all over.” Listen to the podcast [here](#).

12. Oral History and the Environment

This is an [edited recording](#) of an Oral History Victoria (OHV) online symposium, 'Oral History and the Environment', conducted on 14 June 2020.

“The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time.” — Friedrich Nietzsche [from GoodReads quotes]