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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWS OF THE QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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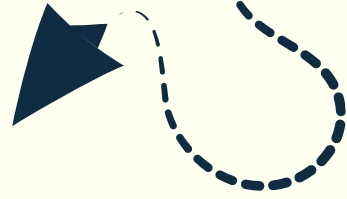


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Easter & Anzac Day - Centre Closures

The Research Centre will be closed over the Easter break, from Good Friday to Easter Monday. The Centre will reopen on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 per our normal operating hours.

The Research Centre will then close on Thursday 25th April for Anzac Day commemorations. The Centre will re-open on Saturday the 27th April and ordinary hours will resume (Tues, Weds, Thurs 10am - 3pm and Sat 12pm-3pm).



This month's Snippets image



For the past several years, we have chosen an illustrated cover from The Queenslander to add to the header for Snippets.

The Queenslander was the weekly summary and literary edition of the Brisbane Courier, the leading journal in the colony - and later, federal state - of Queensland since the 1850s. It was launched by the Brisbane Newspaper Company in 1866 and discontinued in 1939.

With weekly publication spanning 60+ years, there were many (out-of-copyright) images to consider as a header for Snippets.

This month we have chosen an image from the 8th March 1928 edition depicting Bert Hinkler's arrival in Australia in his Avro Avian Biplane to a cheering crowd.

Meet the Management Committee



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The Queensland Family History Society Inc (QFHS) was formed in Brisbane in 1979 as a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political organisation with the aim of promoting the study of family, and local history, genealogy, and heraldry, and encouraging the collection and preservation of records relating to the history of Queensland families.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the the traditional custodians of the land upon which we operate, the Turrbal and Jagera peoples.

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In this Month's Edition



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Editorial

Welcome to the new look Snippets! I hope you enjoy reading this month's edition as much as I have loved pulling it together for you. As the new editor of Snippets, I have Pat-sized shoes to fill and I'm looking forward to continuing her passion of bringing you the most important QFHS news and events each month.

Thank you to Allana, Alex, Caroline and the broader volunteer team at QFHS for the warm welcome to the team. I came across the QFHS social media page last year and loved the historical information and quality of the content that was posted. From there I delved into the records QFHS had available and it soon became clear that becoming a member was a worthwhile endeavour.

Volunteering and giving back to the community is important to me and having the opportunity to do this in an area I have an avid interest in is the icing on the cake so it was a no-brainer to put my hand up to become part of the communications team (plus, if you've met Allana, Alex or Caroline you would know how lovely they are - very hard to say no to that trio!).

I'd love to hear from you with feedback on this month's edition, as well as any suggestions you have for future editions of Snippets. You can reach me by clicking the email button at the bottom of this page.

Happy reading!

Chenoa Nichol



Call out for Submissions

We are looking for our readers to share with us:*

- upcoming events, celebrations or milestones
- letters to the Editor
- tips on family history research or interesting finds
- book reviews on books relevant to family history
- plus any other relevant content our readers might enjoy



Submissions can be up to 500 words with an accompanying photograph. Open to all subscribers, (members and non-members)

Please email submissions to the Editor by clicking the button on the right..



President's Update

All members are warmly invited to show support for the work that Management Committee is doing on your behalf by attending the General Meeting next Tuesday 26th March. The meeting will be held online and start at 7.30pm.

We hold two General Meetings each year to provide members the opportunity to interact with Management Committee. While this is an important event in the life of any association and there are some conventions around meeting protocols, I aim to keep the formalities to a minimum.

The topics to be covered at the meeting and the Treasurer's report covering the Society's financial transactions over the last 6 months are available on the website [here](#).

I will outline progress on the Lease and lay out associated plans, there will be short reports on progress within four of our Strategic Priorities (check the agenda online for details) and importantly, we will consider the proposal to set fees for the next year.

Certainly, attending meetings is not the definition of 'fun' for many! However, the Society benefits enormously from active participation of its members and this is one way you can show support for the work that Management Committee is doing.

Please register [here](#). Registrations close 11pm Monday 25th March and the Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants the next morning.

This month we have welcomed a number of new volunteers to our various teams:

★ Chenoa Nichol joins the Communications team and is excited to take on the role of Snippets Editor. Snippets is such an important communication channel for the Society and we have been feeling the retirement of Pat Smith at the end of 2023 very keenly these past few months.

★ Nic Brett is an experienced librarian and trainer and has joined the Education team. She is working with Alex Daw to design a Toolkit Fundamentals course for our Library Assistants. Delivery of the course will utilise the considerable expertise of a range of experienced family historians among our membership. The components of the course, such as FamilySearch Fundamentals, MyHeritage Fundamentals, and the like, will also be made available to all members.

★ John Haberecht joins Sue Reid, Nancy Edwards and Nic Brett on the Education team with a background in palliative care and training, designing and delivering courses at tertiary level. John will be adding a range of webinars and presentations to our Events calendar.

★ Ross Hansen, already volunteering with the Digitisation and Indexing team, has expressed interest in the Emergency Planning Committee (EPC). His working life included responsibilities in workplace health and safety, and risk management. Ross has generously agreed to Chair the EPC allowing Alex Daw to relinquish this particular task.

Technical Advisory Group Coordinator, Clem Ditton, has recently joined the group to add to the mix his knowledge for preparations for cyber attack. Others in the group include Greg Crawford who will be well recognised by our volunteers as Greg provides our Fire Safety Awareness training, and Alan Bourne and Chris Gibbs, who team up to manage our building maintenance.

President's Update...(continued)

Our new volunteers (or already-volunteers who've taken on new roles) join a team of 90+ members who regularly give their time, interest and enthusiasm to keep the good ship QFHS afloat and on course. We thank them all.



This week I had the privilege of joining the final session of the Finding Your Family: *Fundamentals in Research*. The final session allows each participant to deliver a 5 minute presentation on a research topic of choice and I always find these so interesting and inspiring. It is illuminating to see the range of sources used and the research methodologies displayed.

Congratulations to all participants and sincere thanks to Society Fellow, Sue Reid, for her leadership and stewardship of the course, and to the course Tutors Geoff Morgan, Charlotte Sale, Chris Schuetz, Alex Daw as well as Sue, who provided expertise and encouragement to all those participating.

If you would like to take your research skills to the next level, ensure you have a solid foundation with the fundamentals firmly embedded in your everyday practices. The Winter course (it will be the 18th such course - a massive achievement) is advertised on the website [here](#). I recommend you take action promptly as places are strictly limited to 10 only.

Best wishes to all – I hope to see many of your smiling faces at the General Meeting next week.



Allana O'Kane

NEW

Members Portal on Website

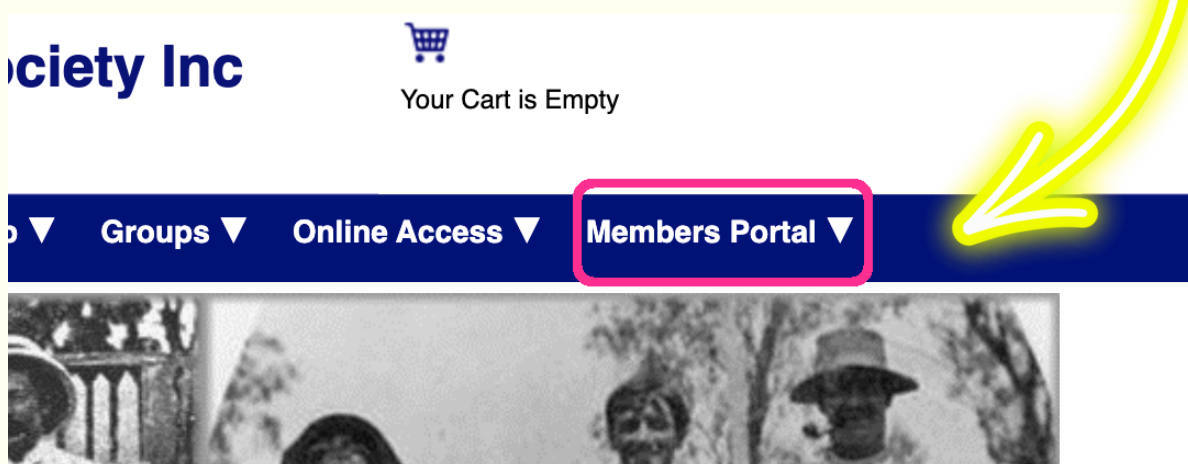
Need to update your Member details? Or advise of a change of address or email?

Want to send a compliment? Got a good idea?

Need to tell us that something's NQR (not quite right)?

A new Members Portal has been added to the main menu on the QFHS website and there you will find an array of online forms allowing you to:

- Update membership details
- Complete a nomination for our annual Services to Family History Award
- Express interest in a volunteering role
- Make a suggestion



Other online forms available focus on the Research Centre:

- Requests for building maintenance
- Reporting equipment failures

And there are others. [Check them out!](#)

Thanks to **Laurie Lee** for his work in establishing this improvement that gets the information directly to the responsible volunteer.

Has your email changed?

A number of email service providers, such as TPG and iiNet, have recently shut down the email part of their business & their customers have had to change their email service to another provider and now have a new email address.



Please let us know your new email address!

Go to the Members Portal on the QFHS website main menu & complete the Membership Details Change online. It's quick & simple, and keeps us connected.

Ulster Foundation Historical Talks



With so many of our members with Irish heritage, it was no surprise that our Irish Research Bonanza was a hit!

If you missed this event on the 16th February, you can now access, for a limited time only, the recordings of the sessions. These are available only up to the 24th March 2024 and will benefit you if you're looking:

- to advance your research knowledge
- for tips to trace your Irish ancestry and
- ways to embrace your unique heritage.

The recorded talks include:

- Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research
- Irish education and school records: the records of the National Education system
- Getting the most out of Griffith's Valuation
- The importance of gravestone inscriptions and funerary monuments in Irish research

Resources include:

- the Australia and New Zealand Brochure 2024 which contains background information, an historical timeline, some maps and links to websites that will be useful for researchers.
- a range of research guides from the National Archives of Ireland, the National Library of Ireland, PRONI and the Registry of Deeds.

The cost to purchase is:

- \$50 for QFHS & affiliated groups - GSQ, GSC, SAG, FFACT, UHF
- \$60 for non-members



We again want to thank our amazing team of volunteers that co-ordinated this event and make it a resounding success:



Irish Research Group

Dale Fogarty (Convenor)
Amanda Gotthard
Lesley Boshammer
Ruth Linde
Maureen Finnane
Carolyn Grimward

Management Committee

Alex Daw
Caroline Brudell
Allana O'Kane
and
Barbara Richardson
Cherrie Cameron
Laurie Lee

BOOK NOW EVENTS

MEMBERS MEETING

Bi-Annual
General
Meeting

Tuesday
26th March
7.30pm



[Read More](#)

VITAL ISSUES FOR RESEARCHERS

Ethics,
Privacy
&
Copyright

Friday
12th April
10am



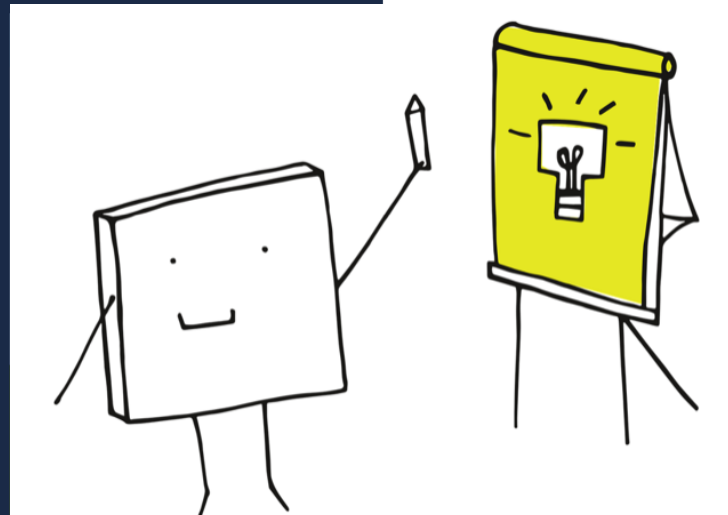
[Read More](#)

BOOK NOW EVENTS

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Training
&
Consultation

Monday
15th April
9.30am



[Read More](#)

MEMBERS LOUNGE PRESENTING...

Captives
of the
Spanish
Lady

Wednesday
17th April
1pm



[Read More](#)

BOOK NOW EVENTS

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome
&
Orientation

Saturday
20th April
9.30am

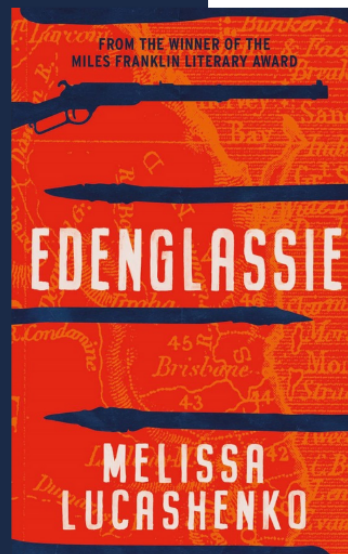


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BOOK CLUB

Edenglassie
by
Melissa
Lucashenko

Friday
22nd April
7.30pm



[Read More](#)

BOOK NOW EVENTS

MEMBERS LOUNGE SOCIAL

Coffee & Chat
Wartime
Stories

Wednesday
24th April
10am



[Read More](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

You can view all current month and upcoming events on the QFHS website.

Simply click the button below and use the calendar on the website homepage to link through to event information and registration.

[Read More](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Get out your calendar and mark in the below events to be sure you don't miss out! Further details will be provided closer to the date.

May 2024

- 22nd 10am - Member's Lounge: Talking About...What is Descendency Research

June 2024

- 1st 10am - Central European Interest Group's 40th Anniversary Celebration
- 19th 7.30pm - AGM & Family History Book Award

CONNECTIONS 2025

Register now for the **Connections 2025** conference to be held in **Brisbane**

Australasia's premier event for local and family historians, ancestry researchers and genealogists to uncover the past, celebrate the present and tap into the future.

21st - 24th March 2025

Early bird registrations are now open - click [here](#) to register.

**Call for Speakers at
Connections 2025
Past - Present - Future**

Are you a passionate historian, industry expert or research professional willing to share your experiences, insights and knowledge with colleagues, peers, experienced researchers, and novice family historians?

Proposals are now invited for speakers to present educational sessions at the Australasian Conference 2025, Connections Past Present - Future, held in Brisbane from 21 to 24 March 2025.

More information is available [here](#).

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Every family has a story, share yours today!

Family History ACT invites all family historians to enter the 2024 E. M. Fletcher Short Story Writing Competition.



Criteria:

- 500 to 2000 words on a family history theme
- First Prize of \$1,000 for best short story
- Runner Up Prize of \$500 (sponsored by UTAS)
- Bonus \$100 prize for FFACT members
- Open to individuals over 18 years
- Entry fee of \$20 for FFACT members and \$30 for non-members
- No limit on the number of entries
- For terms and conditions and entry form visit www.familyhistoryact.org.au

Competition closes 15th July 2024

HISTORY DAY

Hosted by the **Enoggera & District Historical Society**

A programme of interesting, informative & amusing speakers to be held at the

Memorial Hall, 36 Trundle St Enoggera on Sunday 26th May 2024.

Welcome at 9 am to 3 30 pm. \$20 incl. lunch.

Reserve your seat now & book on line thru [Humanitix!](#)

Community News



It is with great sadness that we inform you that Betty Clark passed away on Friday, 26th January 2024 at her Arcare Taigum Aged Care Home.

Betty was one of those quiet achievers for QFHS according to her devoted husband Stan. She and Stan walked all around Nundah and Redcliffe Cemeteries recording inscriptions on headstones in the early years of their membership.

Stan remembers Betty and Trish Willmott washing and cleaning all the plastic chairs used for meetings during the move from Albion to Gaythorne. Betty was always on hand to help in the kitchen or sell raffle tickets at open days.

Betty's funeral was attended by several QFHS members and we are most grateful for their support of Stan at this difficult time.



By Joanna Phillips.

A young Danish girl travels to Australia for a better future. The year is 1874 when Julia sets her feet in the land Down Under in Townsville. Despite it being a different time, the similarities in the meeting with a new environment are striking to this day—the heat, flora and fauna and learning about Indigenous Australia and other nationalities. A very welcome addition to our digital Family History Collection for your reading pleasure.

[Read More](#)

The DANISH GIRL



Nurses Memorial Candlelight Vigil 2024

Hosted by

The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses

Defence Service Nurses RSL Sub-branch Queensland

Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette
Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland will be in
attendance

Wednesday 24 April 5.30pm for 6.00pm prompt
start

Venue: Anzac Square Brisbane, Adelaide Street

Anzac Square Memorial Galleries under the Shrine of
Remembrance will be open until 6pm for attendees to
visit and delve deeper into Queensland's military history
- hosting a free talk on the fate of the Australian Nurses
on the Singapore evacuation ship the Vyner Brooke
5.00pm to 5.30pm. Bookings for talk required via
[https://www.anzacsquare.qld.gov.au/whats-on/sinking-
vyner-brooke](https://www.anzacsquare.qld.gov.au/whats-on/sinking-vyner-brooke)

Dress code: Business attire with Medals or Uniform
Ceremonial (Army 2C, Air Force & Navy service equivalent)

Email: admin@centaurnursesfund.org.au or
mobile 0418 758 661 if wanting to lay a wreath

Public welcome to attend this event

NB: if unwell with any CoVID type symptoms please do not
attend. Event will also be live streamed - link will be
available: www.centaurnursesfund.org.au



RETURNED & SERVICES
LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA



April

2024

sunday

monday

tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

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Easter Sunday



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Research Centre re-opens

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10am Online Family Tree Maker Users

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10am Online Central European SIG

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1pm Online Family Historian Software Users

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7pm Online Management Committee Meeting

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10am Online Vital Issues for Researchers: Ethics, Privacy & Copyright

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10.30am Online Irish Research Group

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10.30am Online Colonial India and the Far East SIG

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10.00am Hybrid Library Assistants Consultation & Training Session

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1pm Hybrid Presenting: Captives of the Spanish Lady

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7pm Online The Master Genealogist Users

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9.30am Cherside New Members Welcome & Orientation

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7.30PM Online Book Club Edenglassie

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St George's Day



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10am Members Lounge Social Coffee & Chat Cafe63 Enoggera

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ANZAC Day



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10am Online DNA SIG

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Also in April

04th Qingming



08th Hana Matsuri



09th Eid al Fitr



22nd Commencement of Passover



Notable Cultural & Religious Dates in April



Qingming (4th April)

Also known as tomb sweeping day, Qingming is a time for Chinese people to show respect to their ancestors by visiting and cleaning their ancestors' tombs.



Hana Matsuri (8th April)

Hana Matsuri is also known as the flower festival. In Japan, Buddha's Birthday is celebrated on 8 April. The day features the display of flowers at temples and the viewing of cherry blossoms throughout the country.



Eid Al Fitr (9th April)

The Islamic month of fasting, Ramadan, ends with the festival of Eid al Fitr. A celebratory meal breaks the fast, and good deeds have special significance during this time. Eid is also a time of forgiveness and making amends.



Passover (22nd -30th April)

Passover is the first and most significant of the Jewish pilgrim festivals. It celebrates the redemption by God of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Work is not permitted on the first two and last two days. Many Jews refrain from work during the whole festival.



St George's Day (23rd April)

St George is the patron saint of England and one of the most venerated saints in the Anglican church. This day is generally celebrated with parades, dancing and other activities.



ANZAC Day (25th April)

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC Day is an anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed in Galipoli in 1915 as part of the Allies' invasion. It is a public holiday to recognise the contribution and sacrifices of all those who have served Australia in time of war and in war like conflicts. The day is observed with the dawn service, marches and ceremonies across Australia and New Zealand.

Catch up on our socials...

Do you follow our Facebook page? Our communications team member, Werona, does an amazing job of sharing interesting information. Click on the facebook link to the right to follow. Here's a recap of two of the interesting articles shared on the QFHS Facebook page in March 2024



Dr Lilian Cooper (1861 – 1947)

🌟 In celebration of International Women's Day, let's explore the life of Dr Lilian Cooper - the first registered doctor in Queensland. 🙋

Born in Luton, Kent, England in 1861 to Henry Fallowfield Cooper and his wife Elizabeth Shewell, Lilian defied societal norms of the late 1800s. Despite her privileged upbringing as the daughter of a Royal Marines captain, she chose a different path than most women, pursuing higher education rather than marriage and family life. We will never know what set her on this path - perhaps she was inspired by her two brothers attending Cambridge or maybe she believed that women should have the same access to education as men.

At the age of 29, Lilian graduated from the London School of Medicine for Women. In the 1891 census, she is found residing with her family and appears as a "Doctor duly registered practitioner, practising as physician and surgeon". Just two months later, on June 8, she is registered as a Medical Practitioner in Queensland.

Dr. Cooper initially faced opposition, especially from male practitioners, but undeterred, she established her practice in Brisbane. She gained renown for her expertise in child welfare and diseases affecting women and children.

In 1895, Lilian advocated for dress reform, highlighting the impracticality of women's clothing in the Queensland climate and condemning tight lacing, emphasizing its harmful effects on women's health, stating "all the organs contained in the trunk are either harmfully squeezed or pushed out of place" by corsets.

In 1918, she fearlessly addressed Brisbane's sanitation issues, criticizing the city's hygiene and attributing the high death rate in North Brisbane to the flawed sanitation system. (The Telegraph, 12 Oct 1918)

During World War I, Lilian defied Australia's restrictions on female doctors serving in the military. Despite being advised to "stay home and knit for the soldiers" she refused and instead volunteered as a doctor in Macedonia, France, and Serbia with the Scottish Women's Hospital Service.

Lilian died in 1947, leaving her house and land at Kangaroo Point to the Sisters of Charity, establishing what is now St Vincent's Hospital. She was buried in Toowong cemetery with her lifelong friend, Josephine Bedford (some historians speculate that Josephine was Dr Lillian's partner)



On this International Women's Day, let's reflect on the remarkable journey of Dr. Lilian Cooper. Her courage and resilience paved the way for future generations of Australian women to pursue careers in medicine, challenging stereotypes and breaking barriers.

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Thursday Throwback

Take a look inside a domestic science railway carriage from the mid 1900s! Domestic Science carriages were introduced in 1923 and phased out by 1967.

A few weeks ago, we featured Marianne Helen Brydon as our famous Queenslander. One of the amazing things she did was introduce these railway carriages, to take domestic science skills to rural areas.

If you want to read more about Marianne Brydon, see our post at

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=686997043585250&set=pb.100068248809217.-2207520000&type=3>





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