

Snippets 2024



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If you are experiencing *deja vu* with this back-to-the-future issue of Snippets, and wondering where the great new look has gone, it's because our Snippets Editor has been unwell and unable to produce Snippets this month. We send our very best wishes to Chenoa and wish her a complete recovery.

If Snippets were not such a vital communication channel for the Society, we could easily decide that 'it just can't happen this month' and know that the organisation would suffer no ill effects. However, we are a vibrant organisation with significant events approaching so **not** producing Snippets this month is not really an option. Relying, as it does, on other volunteers with significant existing commitments within the Society, we know you will understand that this month's Snippets may not include everything expected. We apologise to anyone whose contributions we have omitted.

Management Committee

**We're celebrating the Central European
Group's 40th Anniversary on 1 June**

All members are invited to the Morning Tea and Tribute.

And we have prizes!

There's still time to [register to attend](#) the event in person at the Family History Research Centre or online via zoom.



The organising group has gathered an array of prizes for the event.

There'll be **lucky door prizes** for those attending in person (a hamper of continental food goodies and two continental meat trays) and for those joining us online, there'll be a **lucky 'virtual door' prize** of a book from the Unlock The Past series.

Image: Vecteezy (Image is not representative of the hamper available as a lucky door prize)



Can't come to the Morning Tea & Tribute on Saturday 1 June?

There's no need to miss out on all the fun - we have raffles and some terrific prizes!

* MyHeritage - a one-year complete plan
(value US\$309 / AU\$460)



* Legacy Family Tree Webinars -
two (2) one-year subscriptions

(value \$49 each)



* Unlock The Past books -
four (4) book bundles
(value \$27-\$40 each)
each bundle comprising a
selection of three of these titles:



- Cracking the Code of Old Handwriting
- DNA for Genealogists
- Family History on the Cheap
- GED Match: tools for DNA research
- Google: the genealogist's friend
- Locating Your German Ancestor's Place of Origin
- MyHeritage...My Story

All details re lucky door prize & raffle prizes are published on the website [here](#) as required by the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation.

Don't miss out! Purchase your raffle tickets as follows

- one (1) ticket for \$2
- three (3) for \$5
- seven (7) for \$10
- [online here \(from now until 8pm Friday 31 May\)](#) and
- in person at the Research Centre (from now until 10.45am Saturday 1 June)

Volunteers Week 20-26 May

Especially during Volunteers Week 20-26 May, we want to pay tribute to our mighty QFHS volunteers.

No matter the task or what time you are able to give, every contribution helps to keep the wheels turning. Your work supports a dynamic, reputable



organisation which has recently emerged strongly from the trials of COVID, a move and an open BCC tender.

We couldn't have done it without you!

As the Volunteer Coordinator I sincerely hope that your work at QFHS is meeting your expectations and enriching your relationship with the Society. If it is *not*, please don't hesitate to contact me at volunteering@qfhs.org.au explaining your concern or to arrange a confidential chat about it. Volunteering should be a two-way street – providing satisfaction and enjoyment for the volunteer as well as contributing to the continuance and growth of the Society.

Caroline Brudell
Volunteer Coordinator

Family History Book Award

Each year the Queensland Family History Society presents an Award for the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the last five years.

Books submitted as entries are the story of a family, not an individual. The entries have significant Queensland content and some reference to the origins of the family prior to arrival in Australia. Of course, an index and the citation of references are of prime importance; maps, data and genealogical tables (which family historian does not appreciate these?) and illustrations are also important.

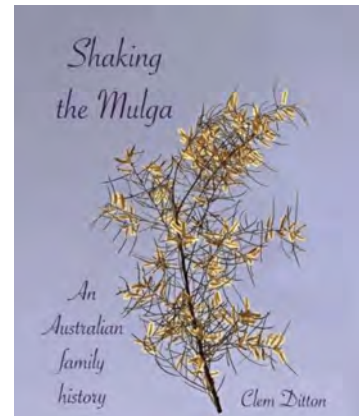
The award for the first prize winner is \$250 and 12 months free single membership of the Society.

The Family History Book Award presentation takes place after the QGM - please join us for this important event. Award Coordinator, Gayle Thomsett, will reflect on the various entries and announce the winning entry. Award winning authors invariably reflect on their writing processes and sources and this invariably offers hope and encouragement to the other potential authors receiving their pearls of wisdom.

More information about past winners of the Award is on the website [here](#). All titles are available for loan from the Lending Library and some of the titles are available to

read online.

*Image: Shaking the Mulga by Clem Ditton
Winner of the 2022 Family History Book Award*



The evening is concluded, for those who attend the Family History Research Centre in person, with a Wine and Cheese Supper and the opportunity to catch up with genea-friends.

[Register now](#) for the AGM and Family History Book Award.

AGM 2024 & Management Committee 2024-25

While meetings are not everyone's cup of tea, the Annual General Meeting is the key accountability event for the Society. Our financial actions and transactions are currently being audited to provide members with comfort that the Management Committee 2023-2024 has managed its financial responsibilities appropriately. The financial year's statements will be available on the website [here](#) seven (7) days before the AGM and all are encouraged to peruse the documents and ask questions if/when something piques your attention.



The President will also present the Annual Report for the last 12 months.

With a membership of 900+ and a volunteer workforce of 90+, there is always much to report.

Of equal importance to the reporting function of the Society is election of volunteers to executive positions in the Society and to positions on the Management Committee. As required by our Constitution, all positions are vacated at the AGM and a new Management Committee is formed.

Nominations are hereby called for the following positions:

- President
- Vice-President (at least one is necessary and two is a definite advantage)
- Treasurer (this position is ably supported by a very effective Assistant Treasurer)
- Secretary (the mandatory governance components of this role are not arduous and other components of the role can be logically shared among a small team)
- Management Committee member - minimum of five (5) required.

[Nomination forms are available here](#). Please read the important information on page 2. Nominations must be received by the Secretary by 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 June.

You are invited to contribute to the good governance and functioning of the Queensland Family History Society by attending the AGM - [register here](#).

If you cannot attend, please register your Apology. Even in your absence, you can contribute to our decisionmaking by completing a [Proxy Form](#) and providing it to the Secretary by 7.30pm Monday 17 June (ie by 48 hours before the AGM).

Please contact me if you have any questions about the process.

Helen Evans, Secretary secretary@qfhs.org.au

President's Update

Dear Members

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help us achieve our goals?

As required by our Constitution, all Executive positions of the Society & all member positions on the Management Committee are vacated at the AGM and a new Management Committee is formed to carry the mantle of good governance and intelligent stewardship of the Society for the next 12 months.

For a variety of important reasons, those currently in the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will not be available for nomination to the Management Committee for the next 12 months. This congruence of unavailability may seem unfortunate but, in reality, **it is a wonderful opportunity to introduce new knowledge and thinking, and new energy and passion, to the stewardship of the Society.**

Please be assured, the new Management Committee will be well briefed and supported in their roles with outgoing members committed to providing continuity. A successful transition is our goal.

With this support, our premises secure, and a Strategic Plan set for the period until 2026, a new Management Committee will be able to move forward with a confidence and a freedom that has not been available to the outgoing committee (and the one before that). With a signed lease for the premises at Chermside about to be registered (yaay!), it's blue skies ahead for the Society.

I appreciate we all all at different stages of life's journey and some will have heavier family, work or community commitments than others, but I encourage all members to reflect and ask themselves 'can I create just two hours a week to help QFHS achieve our aims?'

Quite honestly, the last two years volunteering as President of QFHS have been some of the most rewarding experiences of my working life - including my time in secondary school leadership, and as a business owner/operator - and the ability to see a need and work with others to make a difference has been amazing. As individuals, we're not all strategic thinkers or articulate communicators or clever idea-creators - but we don't need to be because together, in a team, we are better than the sum of our parts.

So I do urge you to find those two hours, set aside any feelings of not being up to the task, and contact me or any member of the Management Committee for a no-obligation chat about taking on an executive role or joining the Management Committee as an ordinary member.

Believe me, there is nothing ordinary about the members I've worked with and there's nothing ordinary about you.

Best wishes to all

Allana O'Kane
President



Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Next meetings:



English West Country

DNA (beginners questions)

Central European 40th Anniversary

Family Historian

Family Tree Maker

Irish

Queensland Pre-Separation

Colonial India and Far East

The Master Genealogist

DNA (for those with some experience)

Thursday 23 May - midday

Saturday 25 May - 10am

Saturday 1 June - 10am

Sunday 2 June - 1pm

Friday 7 June - 10am

Saturday 8 June - 10.30am

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Sunday 9 June - 10.30am

Thursday 20 June - 7pm

Saturday 22 June - 10am

Meetings may vary between online or in person at our Family History Research Centre - 46 Delaware Street, Chermside. Please check the QFHS website or contact the group convener to confirm your meeting location.

Learn more about QFHS SIGs

Would you like to learn more about a particular interest group or perhaps join them for a meeting? Click [here](#) and select an interest group. You can contact the SIG Convener if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.

Members Noticeboard



Connections is in Brisbane 21-24 March 2025

The Australasian Conference 2025 **Connections - Past, Present, Future** has been announced. This is Australasia's premier event for local and family historians, ancestry researchers and genealogists, and it will be held in Brisbane on 21 - 24 March 2025.

Keynote speakers announced include Judy Russell (the Legal Genealogist), Dr. Nick Barrett, (well known for work on BBC's Who Do You Think Your Are?) and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (CEO of Digital History Australia).

More details [here](#) where you can sign up for the Conference newsletter.

[Earlybird registration](#) is available until 30 November 2024

Call for Speakers at Connections 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](#).

We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories

Thank you to those who've already contributed to our new project **We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories**. The project is off to a good start.

We'll be collecting your family's stories of their wartime experiences - whether in a theatre of war or on the Homefront anywhere in the world - during 2024 and will launch a virtual **We Remember Them** honour board on the website later in the year.

Submit your stories and an accompanying image via the [We Remember Them Project online form](#) in the Members Portal.



**Captain Francis Ryan
Smith posing in front of
an aircraft, France**

*Image:
State Library of Queensland
(postcard 1918)*

With ANZAC day activities still fresh in our minds, you may be interested in the National Library of Australia (NLA) blog post of 16 APR 2024: [Letters to home from the First and Second World Wars.](#)

Our ancestors live on when we tell their stories.

Journals: a rich resource

Make sure you include journals published by family history and genealogy societies in your research resources.

You never know what gems they may contain - why not take some time to browse through the various titles?



E-journals received from other family history and genealogy societies in the last few months:

Oceania

[FOUNDERS 55 1 2024 02](#)

[Founders 55 2 2024 04](#)

[SAG Descent 54 1 2024 03](#)

[International Settlers GSV 41 2 2024 05](#)

[NZ Family Tree 2024 04](#)

Australian Capital Territory

[HAGSOC Ancestral Searcher 47 1 2024 03](#)

New South Wales

[Botany Bay Endeavour 158 2024 03](#)

[Bridges Branches 133 2024 03](#)

[Burwood Ancestree Vol 37 1 2024 03](#)
[Cape Banks Kith Kin 152 2024 03](#)
[Casino The Crossing 144 2024 02](#)
[Central Coast E Muster 37 2023 12](#)
[Coffs Genie Allergy 112 2023 12](#)
[Hawkesbury Crier 2024 03](#)
[Illawarra Branches 141 2023 12](#)
[Manning Wallamba Figtree 169 2024 02](#)
[Murrumbidgee Ancestor 141 2024 02](#)
[Newcastle Journal 245 2024 03](#)
[Orange Newsletter 2024 04](#)
[Patrick Plains Gazette 41 1 2024 04](#)
[Parramatta FFF Newsletter 56 2024 04](#)
[Parramatta FFF Newsletter 57 2024 6](#)
[Richmond Tweed Cedar Log 159 2024 03](#)
[Wyong Tree Of Life 41 2 2024 05](#)
[Young Lambing Flat 46 2 2024 05](#)

Northern Territory

[Gensoc NT Progenitor 42 4 2023 12](#)
[Gensoc NT Progenitor 43 1 2024 03](#)

Queensland

[Caloundra Clipper 124 2024 03](#)
[Cooroy Missing Link 54 2024 05](#)
[GSQ Generation 47 3 2024 03](#)
[Ipswich Bremer Echoes 41 3 2023 11](#)
[Ipswich Bremer Echoes 42 1 2024 02](#)
[Redcliffe Newsletter 2024 03](#)
[Redland Researcher 150 2024 02](#)
[Redland Researcher 151 2024 05](#)
[RHSQ 893 2024 03](#)
[RHSQ 895 2024 05](#)
[Toowoomba DDFHS Gazette 37 1 2024 03](#)
[Whitsunday Branching Out 2024 03](#)

South Australia

[South Australia Genealogist 51 1 2024 02](#)

Tasmania

[Tasmanian Ancestry 44 4 2024 03](#)

Victoria

[Bridges Branches 133 2024 03](#)

[Geelong Pivot Tree 160 2024 01](#)
[Peninsula Past Times 174 2024 05](#)
[International Settlers Group NL 41 1 2024 02](#)

Canada

[Saskatchewan Bulletin 55 1 2024 04](#)

Europe

[Huguenot Times 42 2024 01](#)
[Wendish News 72 2024 03](#)

United Kingdom

[JGSGB Shemot 31 3 2023 12](#)
[JGSGB Shemot 32 1 2024 04](#)
[JGSGB Shemot Conference Ed 2023 07](#)
[SoG Genealogists Mag'ne 34 09 2024 03](#)

England

[Bedfordshire 24 5 2024 03](#)
[Berkshire 47 2024 03](#)
[Birm'ham Midl'd Ancestor 20 04 2023 12](#)
[Birm'ham Midl'd Ancestor 20 05 2024 03](#)
[Buckinghamshire Origins 48 1 2024](#)
[Cheshire Ancestor 54 3 2024 03](#)
[Cornwall Issue 191 2024 03](#)
[Cumbria Newsletter 189 2023 12](#)
[Devon Historian 189 2024 02](#)
[Devon Historian 189 2024 02 Supplement](#)
[East Yorkshire Banyan Tree 178 2024 05](#)
[Essex Family Historian 181 2024 03](#)
[Herefordiensis 15 09 2024 04](#)
[Hertfordshire People 168 2024 03](#)
[Isle Wight 153 2024 05](#)
[Kent 17 06 2024 03](#)
[Liverpool 24 03](#)
[LWM Metropolitan 181 2024 03](#)
[Manchester Genealogist 60 1 2024 03](#)
[Northampton Footprints 46 3 2024 02](#)
[Northampton Footprints 46 4 2024 05](#)
[Nottinghamshire Journal 17 10 2024 04](#)
[Ormskirk Family Historian 93 2024 03](#)
[Oxfordshire Family Historian 37 2](#)
[Oxfordshire Family Historian 37 3](#)
[Shropshire Journal 45 1 2024 03](#)
[Somerset Greenwood Tree 49 1 2024 03](#)

[Suffolk Roots 49 4 2024 03](#)
[West Middlesex 42 1 2024 3](#)
[Wiltshire 169 2023 04](#)
[Wiltshire 170 2023 07](#)
[Wiltshire 171 2023 10](#)
[Wiltshire 172 2024 01](#)
[Wiltshire 173 2024 04](#)
[Yorks Family Historian 49 2 2023 07](#)

Scotland

[Dumfries Galloway N1108 2024 03](#)
[East Ayrshire Journal 54 2024 04](#)
[Glamorgan Journal 153 2024 03](#)
[Shetland Coontin Kin 129 2024 03](#)

Wales

[Cronici Powys 121 2024 04](#)
[Dyfed 15 2 2024 04](#)

New Members Welcome and Orientation



Get ready to make the most of your membership

These orientation sessions will be **held in person at the QFHS Family Research Centre, 46 Delaware St Chermiside**. It's your opportunity to learn more about our research resources, services and learning opportunities.

Not a new member but need an update on accessing resources at our Family History Research Centre? You're very welcome to join the sessions.

Session details:

Sunday 26 May 9.30am - 12pm (in person at the Research Centre)

Saturday 15 June 9.30am - 12pm (online)

Bookings are essential ... please email welcome@qfhs.org.au.

Events

Most of our speakers donate their time for the larger education benefit of our members.

We are particularly grateful for the donation of time and effort from our own members. Their knowledge and expertise are valuable gifts to the Society and our members, and we thank them, one and all.

40th Anniversary of Central European Interest Group



Saturday 1 June 10am

at QFHS Cherside

also via Zoom

for those who cannot attend in person

All members are invited to a special Morning Tea and Tribute to celebrate the Central European Interest Group's 40th anniversary.

Register now for Central European's 40th Anniversary

Annual General Meeting

**Annual General Meeting
and
Family History Book Award**

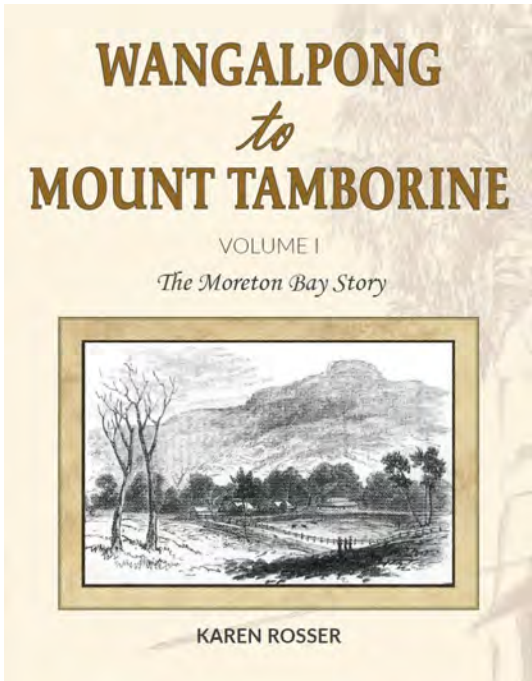
Wednesday 19 June 7.30pm

**Online via Zoom and
In person at
the Family History Research Centre**



Register now for AGM & Family History Book Award

Book Club



**Wangalpong to Mount Tamborine:
the Moreton Bay Story**

**Monday 24 June 10am
a Members Lounge free event**

The author, Karen Rosser, will join us at the Research Centre to discuss her captivating and meticulously researched book.

Find a synopsis plus a review by Nola Fulwood (former archivist at QSA)...([read more](#))

All family historians with an interest in pre-Separation Queensland and in developing their own writing style are encouraged to join us.

Register now for Book Club - Wangalpong to Mount Tamborine

Talking about ...



...everything automobile-related

**Wednesday 26 June
7.30pm**

Online

Click [here](#) or more information

Register now for Talking about...

Author presentation: *Queensland's Sugar King*

This book tells the extraordinary rags to riches story of an illiterate and impoverished Maltese immigrant who rises from destitution to become Queensland's 'Sugar King'.



**Queensland's Sugar King:
the Zammit Legacy
by Catherine Smith**

**Saturday 29 June
10:30am – 12 noon**

**Online via Zoom and
In person at
the Family History Research Centre**

Catherine Smith will reveal the history of the Zammit family in Far North Queensland and Malta and will also speak about the process of writing a family history book. As a published author, she will have valuable suggestions and guidance for anyone setting out on a similar journey, including what not to do and how to navigate some of the pitfalls.

Register now for Queensland's Sugar King

QFHS Subscriptions to International Databases

QFHS provides free access to an extensive range of information available through the library editions of the following websites (check the QFHS website for member login details)

From home

MyHeritage
TheGenealogist (United Kingdom)

From the Research Centre at Chermside

Ancestry
Biographical Database of Australia
British Newspaper Archive
Findmypast
Irish Ancestors (Ireland)
MyHeritage
TheGenealogist (United Kingdom)



QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library.

You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.



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, in recognition of Volunteers Week 20-26 May, we have selected a cover recognising the work of the Country Women's Association (CWA).

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our Snippets mailbox at snippets@qfhs.org.au

The more we receive, the more interesting to members our newsletter will be. If your submission does not appear in this issue, we will try to include it in a future edition. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

*The Family History Research Centre is located on
the traditional lands of the Turrbal and Jagera peoples.*



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