

# Snippets 2024



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Welcome to the October issue of Snippets.

Organising end-of-year events, plus looking at the range of exciting things to look forward to in 2025, has meant a busy time at QFHS.

Are you from outside Brisbane and considering coming to the Connections - Past, Present and Future conference in March, but deterred by the possible price of travel and accommodation? History Queensland has generously offered to subsidise the attendance of up to four members of History Queensland member organisations - see the item about the conference for further details.

We also have a sneak preview of some of the guest speakers who have agreed to join us in 2025! It is too soon to register, but you might like to make a note in your diary of anything that appeals to you.

Last, QFHS has a new By-law. The Management Committee has passed By-law 6, which gives the committee the right to confer the honour of a Fellowship of the QFHS on a member who fulfils certain criteria. Read all the details in the Management Committee item.

**Deborah Clark-Dickson**  
**Snippets Co-editor**

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## Award for Services to Family History

The Award for Services to Family History is presented annually to QFHS members who have made a significant voluntary contribution to family history or to the Society.

**The award presentation takes place at the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea in December each year.**

**An award recipient will have made a significant contribution to:**

- family history in general for the benefit of all family historians, *or*
- the Society that is of benefit to all members whether it be
  - to improve society resources (research material, educational resources) *or*
  - to help with the general running of the Society (library assistants, special interest groups, Management Committee positions, *or*
  - involvement in helping members and many other specialised tasks that are required to make a successful society.

All involvement must be on a volunteer basis and not done for self-promotion or monetary gain. No person may receive the award more than once.

Previous recipients of the Award for Services to Family History are [listed on the website here](#). As you will see there, multiple awards may be presented each year.

Nominations will remain confidential and to be known only to the member submitting the nomination, the Secretary, and judges.



Nominations for this year closed on 30 September, but please keep in mind nominating someone for this annual award in 2025.

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**It's been FIVE months & we're still searching...**

It's now almost FIVE months since our



AGM. As there was not a full complement of executive members elected, we have been seeking a Secretary and a President. We are delighted to announce that we now have a President, but the Secretary position remains vacant.

In an attempt to lighten the duties of Secretary we have sought and secured volunteers to remove the minute taking and correspondence tracking duties from the main role.

**Thanks to Barbara Richardson and Susie de Kinderen for taking on these tasks.**

However, we are still without someone to take responsibility for our mandatory governance obligations. Currently, our Journal Editor and MC member, Lyndal Cosgrove, is carrying a double workload by also acting as Secretary.

**This cannot continue.**

Some not-for-profits, in a similar situation to ours, hire a professional Secretary. Of course, this is not ideal but we may be left with little option.

In summary, a Secretary:

- Keeps a track of regulatory and legislative compliance, decision-making and ethical obligations.
- Keeps the management committee on track with responsibilities and timelines
- Supports inclusion and accessibility and ensuring effective induction and onboarding of new management committee members.

**Surely there is someone among our experienced and skilled membership who can step forward, or be given a gentle nudge?**

This role is vital to the successful continuation of the Society.

**Caroline Brudell**

[Volunteer Coordinator](#)



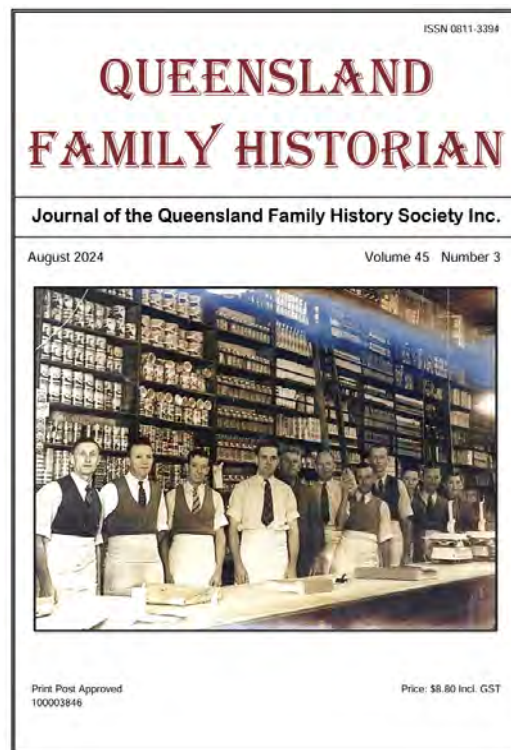
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## Journal Article of the Year: Members Choice Award

In 2021, QFHS established a Members' Choice Award for the *Queensland Family Historian (QFH) Journal Article of the Year*.

This award is decided by a poll of members of the Society and awarded at the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea in December.

After publication of each issue of the QFH, members have the opportunity to select one article to enter in the Members' Choice Award.



**This is a fun activity and in no way a competition!** The reasons you choose particular articles each issue will be highly personal - perhaps the article struck a chord or paralleled events in your own family, perhaps you found the writing style appealing, perhaps you discovered the author was writing about a branch in your family tree and you now have a newly-discovered cousin - all are valid reasons to choose an article.

Support our wonderful volunteers who create and distribute the Journal, the authors who share their stories, and our Society by taking part in our **Journal Article of the Year: Members' Choice Award 2024**. [Click here to register your choice from the August issue.](#)

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## Introducing ... Volunteer profile

### Susie der Kinderen

Assistant Secretary - Correspondence



*Susie has held several significant volunteer roles in QFHS. She explains how she has been involved and her family history interest areas.*

**'2024 Assistant Secretary Correspondence:** In this role I check the secretary's email account and forward the mail to the appropriate people. I also check the postal mail at the QFHS Resource centre each week and I respond to emails and postal mail if I can assist. Before each management meeting, I forward to the management committee a correspondence report. I enjoy this role as it is flexible and not too labour intensive. I am happy to be able to help the secretary and management committee in this small way.

**'2017-2021 Publicity Officer** – For four and a half years I was the publicity officer. This was my first volunteer role at QFHS. I was busy delivering family history talks and tutorials to libraries in the Moreton Region and talks to local clubs and societies. I regularly wrote newspaper/magazine articles for monthly publications promoting our events, services and SIG's. I enjoyed this role and met many wonderful people in QFHS and the local community.

**'2018-2022 Education Team** – This role was also very rewarding. I enjoyed working with the Education Team helping to deliver the beginners sessions, helping out at events and at times presenting a session for our members and the family history community.

**'Reason for joining QFHS:** I was a tutor with U3A for about four years, delivering classes for members wanting to begin researching their family history. I joined QFHS because I wanted to re-connect with people with the same interests, with more specialized knowledge and experience to help me with my research.

**'Family research areas:** My family history is Australia (NSW), England, Scotland and Ireland. I am currently writing up the history of my four convict ancestors. This has been a lot of fun. Interestingly, I have no Queensland connections at all. All my family history is based in NSW, making my research a bit more challenging. I am currently researching my husband's Dutch family ancestry in Batavia (Indonesia) from the 1750s.

**'Relevant work history:** My working life was with the State Library of Queensland and was certainly not a traditional library role. I had a number of roles and positions within SLQ and these roles were always varied and challenging.

'During 1998/2000 one of my positions was as an internet trainer, then project manager for the BHP Skillsnet.Roadshow,

'This project delivered internet skills training to regional, remote and isolated communities throughout Queensland via the public library network. It brought the internet to Queenslanders who didn't know what the internet or emails were let alone how to use them. There were classes from basic to advanced searching, homework help and other more specialized courses. We had a satellite dish, eight pcs and a server. At times it was very challenging to locate the satellite and get a signal strong enough to connect and use for training (PAK 7 satellite 38,500 miles in a geosynchronous orbit). We had to contend with mini cyclones in Cloncurry, dirt roads in Birdsville, a plague of gidgee bugs in Croydon and the Drama club at Muttaborra. During 2001-2003, once again, one of my positions was an internet trainer, then project manager for the BHP Billiton Skillsnet Roadshow.

'Another of my tasks at SLQ included web editor and content provider. During this time, I also did online database tutorials with library people throughout Queensland and created Youtube videos on SLQ databases for libraries. These varied work skills have been a great asset in helping me and hopefully others in their family research. After working at SLQ I was a bit bored in retirement, so I went to work for Moreton Library Service for several years, delivering computer skills training. Eventually, I did retire.

**'Special Interest Group:** I have recently joined the Colonial India and Far East SIG. I know joining this group will be invaluable in giving me ideas and resources to continue my research into the society, politics and life in Batavia in the times I am researching for my husband.'

**Dornell Wylie**

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Commentary on a seminar held by the **QHFS Brisbane History Group** on 1 September 2024.

## **Welcome to Brisbane!**

The Brisbane History Group held a seminar entitled "Welcome to Brisbane!" on Sunday afternoon 1 September 2024 in the theatre of St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. Six presentations about the arrival and settlement of different ethnic groups in Queensland were scheduled. One of these, by Eric Kopittke, was titled *Off to Moreton Bay from Hamburg* in the 1850s on the topic of early German immigration to Moreton Bay.

The other presenters and presentations were:



Anne Monsour	<i>Min zamaan: The history of the Lebanese presence in Brisbane</i> <sup>[1]</sup> <sub>SEP</sub>
Bico Athanassas	<i>Hellenes of Asia Minor: Migration and assimilation into the Australian community</i>
Janet Spillman	<i>Queensland's commercial immigration ventures in Germany, 1850-1859</i>
Robert Allen	<i>The Deshon Street diaspora: The South Brisbane Hebrew community between 1915 and 197</i> <sup>[1]</sup> <sub>SEP</sub>
Paul Sayer	<i>Escape from the iron Curtain: A refugee who made good</i>

There were about 50 people in attendance at the seminar including several early QFHS members.

## Eric Kopittke




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Commentary on a presentation to the QFHS **History Group** by Chris Schuetz on 13 September 2024.

## General Ian Hamilton

Those who attended the presentation on General Ian Hamilton, excellently delivered by Chris Schuetz, enjoyed an enthralling, informative, deeply researched event. The fascinating examination of this period of Australian and world history stirred a desire to know even more. The event that prompted this research was the reviewing of Australian troops at Ascot racecourse by General Ian Hamilton, from Britain, in February 1914, and Chris's desire to know WHY? The following summary does not do justice to the details we were given.

British troops arrived in Australia with the First Fleet in 1788, to control the convicts, any unrest from original inhabitants and potential outside invasion. At various times, fears surrounded the activities of Russia, Germany, China and Japan. By 1869 British troops were being replaced by local military authorities, with

Queensland having its own from 1860, civilians being trained at Fort Lytton from about 1880. Civilians generally joined Rifle Brigades with the focus on shooting accuracy rather than military drills.

Because of the world potential for warfare, Britain wanted to ensure Australia would be able and willing to offer support if needed and undertook federation conferences. Compulsory military training produced a national guard, with the stipulation in 1903 that the trainees would not be required to serve overseas. Kitchener paid a visit in 1909 and, with Hamilton and Defence Minister George Pearce, was involved in an Imperial Conference in 1911. War with Germany was considered inevitable, and Australia's stance changed, allowing for 10,000 Australian troops to be available for overseas duty. NCOs came from existing ranks and officers trained at what was to become the military college in Duntroon. Still the extent of Australia's preparedness was kept quiet. From 1911, school cadets worked with high school students, and militia volunteers had 16 days' drill from 1912.

In 1914, Hamilton made his first visit to Australia, taking a train from Sydney including stops at Armidale and Wallangarra, then travelling by car to Toowoomba and Brisbane before moving on to other states and eventually New Zealand. While in Brisbane, Queensland troops gathered at Roma Street station and travelled to Ascot racecourse where, under the Australian flag, they marched past General Ian Hamilton and other dignitaries for the taking of the salute. On August 3, Australia's available troop number was increased to 20,000. On August 6 Britain, and thus Australia, was at war with Germany.

Hamilton had relatives in Australia and cousins of his served at Gallipoli, with one relative using this connection to gain entry to the Australian Airforce. This relative had served at Gallipoli and after recovering from his wounds in England wished to get back in the fight. Hamilton had served in many places, including India and Africa (where he met the war correspondent Winston Churchill). During World War I, Churchill chose Hamilton to lead the British in Gallipoli. He became Regimental Colonel of the Gordon Highlanders until 1939. When he died, he was buried in Doune, home of one of his ancestors. General Ian Hamilton was a truly remarkable man.

**Dornell Wylie**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**Next meetings:**



**Central European**

**Colonial India & the Far East:**



**DNA (beginners questions):**

**DNA (for those with some experience):**

**English West Country:**

**Family History Writing:**

**Family History Software :**

**Family Tree Maker:**

**Irish Research Day:**

**QLD Pre-Separation:**

**Scottish:**

**The Master Genealogist:**

**Welsh:**

**Saturday 7 Dec - 10am**

**Sunday 8 Dec - 10.30am zoom**

**Saturday 23 Nov - 10am**

**Saturday 26 Oct - 10am**

**Thursday 28 Nov - 12 noon**

**Saturday 16 Nov - 9am**

**Sunday 3 Nov - 1pm**

**Friday 2 Nov - 10am**

**Friday 6 Dec - 10am**

**Thursday 14 Nov - 10am**

**Saturday 10 Dec - 1.30pm**

**Saturday 9 Nov - 10am**

**Thursday 21 Nov - 7pm**

**Sunday 1 Dec - 10am**

**Meetings vary between online or in person** at our Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside. Please check the [QFHS calendar on the website](#) or contact the group Convenor to confirm your meeting location.

## **Learn more about QFHS Special Interest Groups**

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 Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a

# Management Committee News

## New By-law passed

The award of Fellowship (Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society Inc.) was created in 2000 to acknowledge members who have gone 'above and beyond the call of duty' in their endeavours in support of the Society. It is our most prestigious award. To date it has been governed only by a procedure document. On 8 October 2024 the Management Committee passed a bylaw to clarify and confirm this award.

### **BY-LAW 6.            AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP**

1. The Management Committee may confer the honour of a Fellowship (Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society Inc.) on a member of the Society who has provided:
  - long and sustained promotion of the Society in multiple facets of family history and genealogy,
  - creative ideas related to family history and genealogy carried through for the benefit of the Society, which raise the Society's stature or finances,
  - continuous contribution to the running of the Society – not necessarily through being on the Management Committee.
  
2. The number of Fellows of the Society shall be limited to 15 living Fellows at any time. Whilst there is no requirement for the Management Committee to confer an honour of Fellowship each year, the number permitted to be conferred in any one year under this by-law shall be limited to three (3).
  
3. Nomination of a member for the award of Fellowship may be made by one or more members of the Society. The Management Committee may from time-to-time set a date by which nominations for a given year shall be received by the Secretary. After the closing date, a Fellowship Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Management Committee to consider any nomination/s and to make any recommendation for the award of a Fellowship to the Management Committee.

- 4 The Fellowship Sub-Committee shall consist of a maximum of five members, including the President, maximum two (2) other members of the Management Committee, and a maximum of two (2) Fellows, appointed by the Management Committee.
5. The Award of Fellowship shall additionally be deemed to confer Honorary Life Membership as provided for in Clause 4(3) of the Constitution on any member who is not already a Life Member or Honorary Life Member.

The full list of QFHS bylaws can be found at the link on the top of the page on the website here: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/constitution-and-by-laws/>

**Kevin Haley, President**



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## Next Management Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be held ONLINE on:

Tues 12 Nov 2024 - 7:00-9.30pm QLD time, AEST:

QFHS Members may submit items for the MC meeting agenda at any time by contacting the Secretary by emailing [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au).

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# EVENTS

## New Members Welcome and Orientation



### Get ready to make the most of your membership

These orientation sessions will be **held either in person at the QFHS Family Research Centre, 46 Delaware St Chermside** or **online via Zoom**. 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 19 October 9.30am - 12pm (in person at the Research Centre)**

**Saturday 24 November 9:30am - 12pm (in person at the Research Centre)**

Bookings are essential - please email [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au)

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## Members Lounge - Trout Game

27 October 2024, 10 am to 4 pm

**NOTE: This event will be held in person at the QFHS Research Centre.**



This game simulates researching an imaginary English Trout family, using eleven types of records. Use the game to assess your basic research skills and see if you can get back to the 1500s. You may discover why you have brick walls in your research.

Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential. Please book with the Trout Game Master, Ann Swain, at [trout@qfts.org.au](mailto:trout@qfts.org.au).

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## **Members Lounge – Book Club**

### ***Killing for Country* by David Marr**

**28 October, 10 am This event will be held online.**

Publisher Black Inc. Books describes this book as ‘a richly detailed saga of politics and power in the colonial world – of land seized, fortunes made and lost, and the violence let loose as squatters and their allies fought for possession of the country – a war still

unresolved in today's Australia.'

Shortlisted, 2024 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Non-Fiction

Longlisted, 2024 Indie Book Award for Non-Fiction

Readings Best Non-Fiction of 2023

There are many articles online about this book. Here is a link to just one from The Conversation to prompt discussion:

[Article about the book](#)

Our book club is designed for family historians. We will read both fiction and non-fiction and share our opinions.

Please register by clicking on the following link and filling out your details.

[Register here](#)

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THIS SPEAKING TIMESLOT WAS ORIGINALLY TO BE FILLED BY ALLAN TONKS. ALLAN HAS KINDLY AGREED TO SPEAK IN OCTOBER INSTEAD, FOLLOWING THE ILLNESS OF ANOTHER SPEAKER.

## Members Lounge - Presenting ...

### Civilising Brisbane

Speaker: Duncan Richardson

20 November 2024, 1 pm

Hybrid - in QFHS Research Centre and online





**Duncan Richardson**, author of *Civilising Brisbane* and other works, will talk about three women who battled to improve health care, the arts, and education in Brisbane.

Duncan migrated to Australia in 1970, taught in Botswana from 1987 to 1988, and returned to work in Australia as a part-time teacher. His fiction has been published in various anthologies such as *Obliquity*, *Futurevisions*, *Subtropical Suspense*, *Lighthouses* and *Within/Without Walls*. In 2008, his verse play *The Grammar of Deception* was produced and broadcast by ABC Radio National.

Duncan has published several children's books, including readers for Macmillan, *Wennabees* and *Yum-Worms* (2005), *Revenge* (2005), *Jason Chen and the Time Banana* (2008) and *Dinomania* (2014). He was a part time English as a Second Language teacher and regularly runs writing workshops for adults and kids. His first history book, "Year of Disaster: Brisbane 1864" was released in 2017, followed two years later by "Captives of the Spanish Lady" about the flu quarantine in 1919, and "Civilising Brisbane" in 2021, about three colonial women who changed the face of the town.

In the second half of the 19th century, Lady Diamantina Bowen, Sister Ellen Whitty and Eliza O'Connell battled indifference and prejudice to improve health care, the arts and education in Brisbane. Crossing the sectarian divide, they often worked together and their letters and diaries reveal a fascinating story of struggle to improve lives in a rapidly growing town.

(Duncan spoke to QFHS in Feb 2022 about *Beyond Distinguished Gentlemen*, early Brisbane, and in Apr 2024 about *Captives of the Spanish Lady*).

[Register now](#)

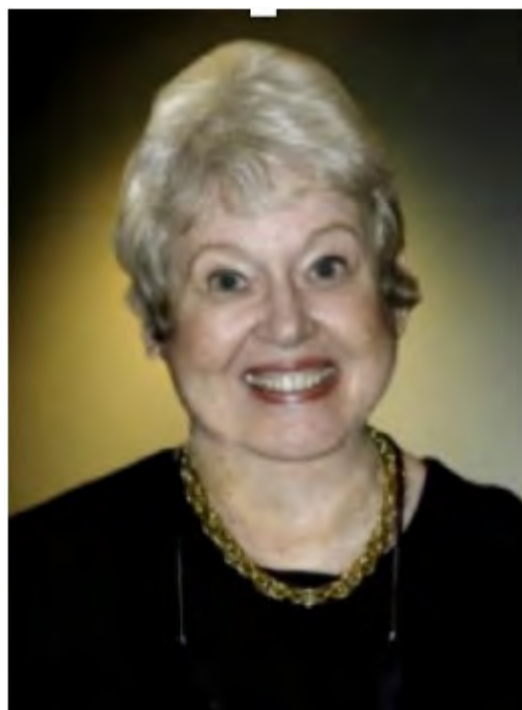
## Members Lounge - Presenting ...

### 2025 Speakers - a taste of what is to come

The following speakers have been organised for the first few months of 2025. Closer to the time, we will be providing more information, but this list might help you decide when you need to keep some time free to attend one of more of the talks.

**Please note that it is not yet possible to register for these 2025 events. Registration will commence early in the new year.**

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#### **Social Life in Pre-separation**

**Queensland**

**19 February 2025, 1 pm**

By zoom

**Dr Jennifer Harrison** will join us on zoom to talk about life outside work in the years before 1859. Jennifer will investigate and identify who instituted social pursuits and how they achieved their aims. She will introduce us to what pastimes became available and what was the role played by access to delights generated by community attractions as diverse as music, literature, entertainment, education, religion, sport, holidays, food, politics and pets

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**19 March 2025, 1 pm**

Hybrid

Speaker to be confirmed.

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## Brisbane@War - Military Locations in Brisbane during WWII

16 April 2025, 1 pm

Hybrid - Peter in person at the QFHS Research Centre

**Peter Dunn OAM** will share details and photos of numerous military camps and depots located around Brisbane during WWII.

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## Queensland Rail

21 May 2025, 1 pm

Hybrid - Greg in person at the QFHS Research Centre

Greg Hallam has been with Queensland Rail since 2000 and has been historian for the organisation for nearly all the last 23 years. He is a third generation family member to work at Queensland Rail and has been active professionally in the community history and cultural heritage fields for nearly 30 years.

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**The QFHS Print Library SALE is still in progress!**

Our Print Library team has been quietly upgrading our library shelves and sorting the donations that we have been receiving over the past two years.

A number of books have been identified as being surplus to requirements or no longer meet our collection criteria.

These books are available in our centre only, and will sell for \$2 each. You will find them just outside the Administration Room. We will have them on permanent display, and they may be refreshed from time to time.

So why not call in and grab yourself a bargain for Xmas!

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## NEW RESOURCES

### Our new Research Kiosk

Recently, the Print Library team launched a new search tool: the Research Kiosk.

The Research Kiosk accesses almost 2 million pages of information including:

- \* digitised print journals (journals with lots of names and photos have been prioritised for inclusion)

- \* all e-journals (search the entire contents of our e-journal collection at once)
- \* much of the contents of the QFHS CD collection (search the entire collection of 2201 PDFs created from the CDs at once).



Click on the link below to gain access to the Research Kiosk Look-up Request form and the Print Library team will email your search results within seven days.

[Research Kiosk Look-up Request](#)



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# FamilySearch International

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organisation in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and their predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Their services and resources can be accessed for free online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) or by visiting a FamilySearch Affiliate Library - QFHS is one but there are over 6000 world-wide.

The free FamilySearch Library October 2024 webinars focus on tips for doing research in the United States and Canada, German and Slavic countries, and Latin America, including one special class on DNA and assembling quick family trees for ways to connect to potential living relatives. Additional sessions will cover ways to get the most out of the FamilySearch Catalog and collaborate research questions with fellow genealogists in the FamilySearch Community. There will also be a class for Spanish speaking genealogists titled *Registros Parroquiales: Una introducción* (Parish Records: An Introduction).

## Free webinars on this theme are available on demand

Over 2,000 webinars are available on demand: go to the FamilySearch Library to see what is available.

## More FamilySearch resources:

- Explore 18 billion historical records and images at FamilySearch.
- Search historical record images using the powerful [Explore Historical Images](#) feature.
- Peruse over 1,500 free on-demand sessions from [RootsTech](#).
- Schedule a [free 20-minute consultation](#) with a FamilySearch Library research specialist.

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## New QFHS datasearch dataset released - Assisted Immigration to Queensland 1848 to 1912

A new dataset with 262,900 entries has been added to the QFHS online research resources.

See <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/assistedimmigration/> - and please read its associated [ABOUT](#) document for details of the data.

The project repurposes a long-standing open-sourced dataset from the Queensland State Archives. Our adaption was originally commenced in 2020 but set aside due to Covid, data quality issues, and work on other projects.

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# 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 month:

### NSW

[Botany Bay Endeavour 160 2024 09](#)

[Cape Banks Kith Kin 154 2024 09](#)

[Founders 55 5 2024 10](#)

[PFFF Newsletter 58 2024 8](#)

### ACT

[HAGSOC Ancestral Searcher 47 3 2024 09](#)

### Queensland

[RHSQ 900 2024 10](#)

### Victoria

[Bridges Branches 135 2024 09](#)

### England

[Derbyshire 190 2024 09](#)

[Dorset 37 4 2024 09](#)

[Hampshire Historian 51 2 2024 09](#)

[Isle Wight 154 2024 08](#)

[Lancashire 46 1 2024 02](#)

[Lancashire 46 2 2024 05](#)

[Nottinghamshire Journal 17 12 2024 10](#)

[Oxfordshire Family Historian 38 2 2024 08](#)

[Somerset Greenwood Tree 49 3 2024 09](#)

### Scotland

[Tay Valley Historian 129 2024 10](#)



## NOTICEBOARD

### And a reminder: 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 Chermiside

[Ancestry](#)

[Biographical Database of Australia](#)

[British Newspaper Archive](#)

[Emerald Ancestors \(Northern Ireland\)](#)

[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.**

### Les Moreland Scrapbook Index

There are 6,984 entries in the Les Moreland Scrapbook index, many from German sources. These point into a collection of 2,284 PDF files (not images). Some of the PDFs are excellent but other photocopies, done in the 1980s and 1990s, are not particularly clear. Nonetheless they can provide relevant information and may allow a better copy of the document to be located from current online sources.

This new and unique index has been added to Queensland Family History Society's valuable collection of searchable datasets. Our 62 searchable datasets provide access to information in electoral rolls, school admissions records, shipping and migration, occupations, cemeteries to name a few categories. While over half a million entries are available for online search by the general public, some 15 million more are reserved for QFHS members only.

[Read more about Les Moreland and his valuable collection of materials here.](#)

#### **What is in the Les Moreland Scrapbook index**

- Births, baptisms, marriages, banns, deaths, and burials
- Confirmations
- Naturalisations
- Impfung – vaccination (from Impfschein, vaccination certificate)
- Bürgerrechts-Verzichts – waiver of civil rights (in preparation for emigration)
- Reise Pass – permission to travel
- Auswandern Erlaubnis – permission to emigrate
- Entlassung – dismissal, usually from military service
- Gemeinderaths Protokoll (mention of emigrating families in municipal council minutes)
- Statutory Declaration
- Oaths of allegiance
- Passport applications
- Work contracts
- References – as provided for or by an employer
- Wills
- Volkszählung (census)
- Powers of attorney

[Check out the Les Moreland Scrapbook Index here](#)



# British Newspaper Archive – new material

Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections group provides an independent view of family history, resources and development. The group has been kind enough to advise organisations with similar interests about an extension of the material available free-to-view papers recently added to the British Newspaper Archive.

Over one million new pages were added recently, increasing the total of newspaper pages available to more than four million.

Follow the link to see what newspapers are available.

[British Newspaper Archive](#)



## Celebrate Spring with a visit to Ellis Rowan: Colonialism and Nature Painting Queensland Museum Cobb+Co, Toowoomba

Immerse yourself in Ellis Rowan's 28 original watercolour paintings depicting flowers and plants, paired with museum objects that explore how these plants were used by First Nations peoples.

Open until 21 April 2025

Daily, 9am - 4pm

Free with admission, no bookings required

For further information, click here:

Ellis Rowen , Queensland Museum, Toowoomba



Growl Theatre, a QFHS community partner, will soon open its performance of *The Book of Will*, by Lauren Gunderson.

Without William Shakespeare, we wouldn't have literary masterpieces like *Romeo and Juliet*. But without Henry Condell and John Heminges, we would have lost half of Shakespeare's plays forever!

After the death of their friend and mentor, the two actors are determined to compile the First Folio and preserve the words that shaped their lives. They'll just have to borrow, beg, and band together to get it done. Amidst the noise and colour of Elizabethan London you will find an unforgettable true story of love, loss, and laughter in a play that sheds new light on a man you may think you know.

*The Book of Will* will run from 19 October until 7 November.

Click on the link below to find everything you need to know about the play, the performers, and how to book tickets.

Meet the cast of *The Book of Will*

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## Unlock the Past: a two-day seminar about researching your family's history



Gould Genealogy is a business that publishes Unlock The Past (UTP) titles and also conducts UTP Cruises. One such cruise is scheduled to take place later this year. Along the way they will also conduct several land-based seminars in Australia featuring their internationally recognised speakers Chris Paton & Mia Bennett.

QFHS & GSQ were consulted about the likely viability of a two-day event in Brisbane. We were given the option for an exhibition table at the event. The location is 'next door' and the event provides an opportunity to position QFHS in front of family historians. Therefore, Management Committee agreed to sponsor the event.

QFHS is pleased to be associated with this exciting event and we will have a table there to publicise the society. We'll be looking for volunteers to promote the society so please look out for details in November's Snippets.

**WHEN:**

Thu 12 December 2024

Fri 13 December 2024

**WHERE:**

Geebung RSL Club,  
Corner Newman Road & Collings Street, Geebung

**COST** – pre-book by 5 December 2024 to be in the draw for several hundred \$\$\$ in prizes.

- two days – \$150
- one day – \$95

The attached flyer gives further information about this exciting event! It includes a comprehensive agenda for both days.

Included among the speakers will be Chris Paton and Mia Bennett.

**Chris Paton** is a Scottish based professional genealogist, originally from Northern Ireland, specialising in Scottish and Irish family history, and Scottish house history.

Editor of the Assoc. of Professional Genealogists eNews. Chris has lectured extensively in Scotland, Ireland, England, Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Portugal. He is the author of 22 published genealogy books in the UK and Australia.

**Mia Bennett** is an English professional genealogist specialising in DNA and genealogical methodology and sources. She is an Associate of the Association of Genealogists and

Researchers in Archives (AGRA) and previous trustee of the Society of Genealogists. She is an alumna of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) and the Genealogy Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP).

[Unlock the past](#)

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## Harry Gentle Resource Centre

The Harry Gentle Resource Centre (School of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences, Griffith University) is excited to announce the soft launch of its online *Harry Gentle Resource Centre Dictionary of Biography*. This resource is designed initially to recognise those people who lived in the place now known as Queensland, prior to 1860. A unique feature of the dictionary is the inclusion of sources to enable further research into a specific individual.

You are invited to join HGRC at this phase of the Dictionary's development. Your feedback is important as HGRC refines and enhances the platform.

For further information, click on the following link. The page 'Search Guide' will assist in navigating the dictionary.

[Harry Gentle Resource Centre](#)

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## Royal History Society of Queensland forthcoming events





## History of the South Brisbane Dry Dock

Keith Boulton will discuss the background and history of the South Brisbane Dry Dock.

The presentation will include an insight on the background of how the South Brisbane Dry Dock came to be, its small part in the young Queensland history and its working life to 1972. It covers the construction, site infrastructure and the vessels repaired, including its vital WW2 role.

As well, an overview of the docks new role as part of the Queensland Maritime Museum. The presentation includes many rare and historic photos.

The program:

- **1859-1972** The History of the South Brisbane Dry Dock.
- **1972- 2022** The History of the Queensland Maritime Museum.
- An insight about QMM today.

**Date:** Wednesday, 12 February 2025

**Time:** 12:30pm

**Where:** The Commissariat Store Museum, 115 William St, Brisbane

Keith Boulton is Honorary Life Member and a volunteer of the Queensland Maritime Museum. He is one of the “Monday Crew” and is involved with Guiding, Events and Editor of the two QMM publications.

Keith is a retired Health and Safety and Quality Assurance Lead auditor. While initially starting his employment as a mechanic with Hornibrooks in Brisbane, his work experience has included the Automotive, Transport, Mining, Construction, Marine and Petrochemical industries.

From 1967 to 1970, his marine experience involved vessels at Heron Island and later on the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay with the Sand and Gravel Industry at South Brisbane.

He spent 26 years in many roles in the lubricant business with Castrol and later BP. He has also worked overseas in Canada, England, the South Pacific, Vietnam and Thailand.

He is an avid amateur historian with a keen interest in all things marine.

[Register here](#)

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## Royal History Society of Queensland forthcoming events



### Brisbane Girls' Grammar School – Jewels in the Crown

This Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture will be given by Pauline Harvey-Short OAM.

In 2025, the 150th year of the Brisbane Girls Grammar School's history, we look at the *Jewels in the Crown* of Speech Day prizes. These three prizes—The Lady Lilley Gold Medal, The Ida Woolcock Challenge Cup, and the Munro Cup—capture Girls Grammar's essence and enable us to explore three influential people in the School's history: Sir Charles Lilley, Justice John Woolcock and Mrs Mary Alison Miles Munro; and two outstanding alumna who were awarded all three prizes in their graduation year – Beth Beeston and Hazel Muirhead.

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 November 2024

**Time:** 12:30pm

**Where:** The Commissariat Store Museum, 115 William St, Brisbane

[Information and Registration](#)

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## 23andMe is on the verge of bankruptcy. It may be too late to delete your genetic data.

Popular genetic testing company 23andMe is facing bankruptcy and may sell the genetic data of its 15

million customers.

Users have the option to delete their data, but the company can retain it for three years. Data that's already been sold to researchers may not be able to be deleted.

### What's next?

23andMe's co-founder and CEO is attempting to buy the company's remaining shares to take back control.

Comment in the ABC News:

'When I learnt this week the company 23andMe was facing bankruptcy and may sell its customers' genetic data to the highest bidder, I had three thoughts:

1. They have my brother's genetic data
2. Can he delete it?
3. Why didn't we see this coming?'

To read further, click on the following link.

[Click here](#)

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## 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.



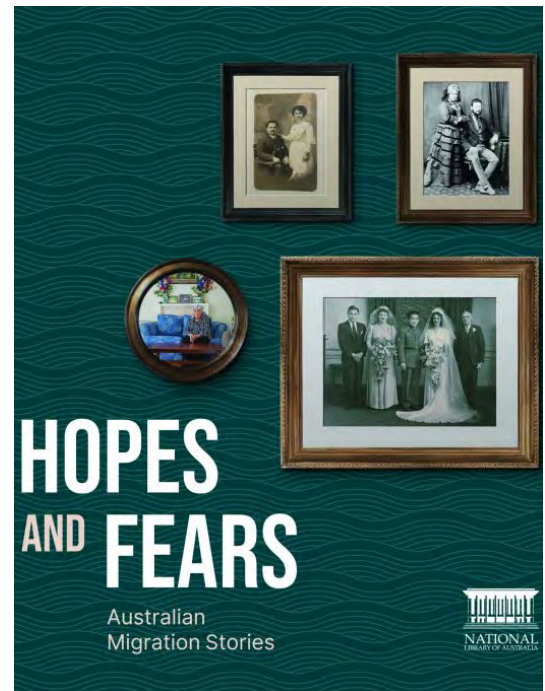
**Our ancestors live on  
when we tell their stories.**

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# Hopes and Fears: Australian Migration Stories

A new free exhibition at the National Library - available online for those who cannot visit in person.

It showcases how migrants, who have come from all parts of the globe, have helped to make Australia one of the most diverse nations in the world.



The exhibition features letters to loved ones back home, music recorded by migrants, vintage advertising for boat voyages to Australia, and amazing stories like that of William 'Billy' Blue, an African American transported to Sydney in 1801 for stealing raw sugar and later appointed by Governor Lachlan Macquarie as a harbour watchman and constable.

Visitors will be able to see items such as a convict's uniform from Van Diemen's Land in the 1830s, photos and ephemera from the Snowy Hydro-electric Scheme that employed 60,000 migrants from more than 30 countries and archival photos of multicultural cafes and chefs that brought the taste of home to migrants in various Australian cities.

**The exhibition is free and open until February 2025. No bookings required.**

If you can't make it to the exhibition in-person, you can [explore online on our website](#), including our [exhibition soundtrack](#).



## Connections will take place 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.

Hosted by the Genealogical Society of Queensland, the conference combines the 17th Australian Conference on Genealogy and Heraldry and 5th History Queensland State Conference.

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).

**Earlybird registration is available until 30 November 2024.**

[Register](#)

## Assistance for regional delegates - travel and accommodation subsidies

The cost of travel and accommodation may preclude some members from regional areas who would otherwise like to attend the next conference. To assist regional delegates History Qld will subsidise the attendance of up to four members of HQ member organisations at the 2025 Conference.

The amount of each subsidy will be up to \$1500 and the funds will be available for travel or mileage and accommodation. Such costs will be available for reimbursement after the Conference on production of receipts or other documentary evidence.

Preference in awarding subsidies will be given to applications from people living more than 200 kilometres from Brisbane.

Depending on the response from member societies, the management committee may in its discretion decide to grant no subsidies, or to grant more than four subsidies or to grant subsidies in amounts other than \$1500.

Applications must be in writing and reach the Secretary by Wed. **30 October 2024** This allows successful applications to take advantage of the Early Bird pricing for the conference which closes on 30 November.

Download the pdf form (attached), complete, scan and forward it to [secretary@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:secretary@historyqueensland.org.au), OR post to Secretary, History Queensland, P0 Box 734, Golden Beach, Qld 4551. If posted, it must be received by the deadline.

The History Queensland Committee will consider all applications and make a **decision by 6 November 2024**.

Successful applicants will be advised by **7 November 2024**.

The Committee's decision regarding the successful applicants will be final.

For more information, email: [secretary@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:secretary@historyqueensland.org.au)

For full details about the conference including program, packages, accommodation, venue and more, click on the link below,

[Click here to see program](#)

As Sheena mentioned in last month's editorial, Snippets is planning to introduce you to one of the Connections speakers each month until the conference. Here is the second:

### **Roland (Roly) Sussex - Connections Conference Dinner Speaker**

*"A nym by another other name might not smell sweet"*

Emeritus Professor Roland Sussex OAM, FQA, Chevalier des Palmes Académiques Roland (Roly) Sussex (M.A. Hons Canterbury; PhD London) is a specialist in language, communication and culture, and health communication. He was Professor of Applied Language Studies at the University of Queensland from 1989 until 2010. Before that he taught Linguistics and Russian at the University of Reading (UK) and Monash University in Melbourne, and was the foundation professor of Russian at the University of Melbourne from 1977 to 1989.

He is currently Research Professor in the Institute for Teaching and Learning Innovation, and in the School of Languages and Cultures, at the University of Queensland. Since "retiring" he has become involved in social issues as a public intellectual. He was chair of the Library Board of Queensland from 2009 to 2014, and then Deputy Chair (2014-2016). He was President of the Alliance Française of Brisbane (2010-2017), and is currently President of the English Speaking Union of Queensland (2018-). In 2012 he was made Patron of the Institute of Professional Editors. He is co-editor of the international journal *Intercultural Communication Studies*, and is a member of the editorial boards of a number of academic journals.

His current research is focused on language, culture and society, technology, and, more recently, pain and health. He is a member of the PainLang Research Group at the University of Queensland, which is investigating the use of language in the diagnosis, treatment and management of pain.

His most recent major publications are *The Slavic languages* with Paul Cubberley, Cambridge University Press, 2006); Andy Kirkpatrick and Roland Sussex (eds), *English as an international language in Asia: Implications for language education*. Berlin and London: Springer-Verlag, 2012); and Andy Curtis and Roland Sussex (Eds). (2018). *Intercultural*



*communication in Asia: Education, language and values*. Berlin and London: Springer Verlag. And of course *Word for today* (University of Queensland Press, 2021).

Roly Sussex wrote a weekly column on language for the Brisbane Courier-Mail from 2006 to 2021. His talkback radio program *A Word in Your Ear* has been broadcast every week to Queensland on ABC radio since 1997, and for the last 20 years to South Australia. His Queensland broadcasts are podcast by the ABC. Click on the link below to gain access to *A Word in your Ear*.

When he is not engaged in researching and writing about language, communication, culture and health, he works on his garden and acreage, rides road bikes and mountain bikes, and indulges his passion for classical music. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2012, and was made a Chevalier des Palmes Académiques by the French Government in 2017, and a member of the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2020.



[A Word in your Ear](#)

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## Walls Come Tumbling Down

The Genealogical Society of Queensland is offering *Walls Come Tumbling Down*, a zoom presentation by popular lecturer Dave Annal, who will outline a practical, hands-on approach to solving problems in family history research.

When: Tuesday 5 November 2024

7.00pm to 9.00pm

By zoom

Payment: GSQ/QFHS members \$21  
Non-members \$31

[Register and pay here](#)

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## 100 years of Greater Brisbane

100 years of Greater Brisbane is a shared calendar for all history and heritage organisations in Brisbane who want to join.

This is a project to commemorate the centenary of the Brisbane City Council—an amalgamation of Brisbane towns and shires in 1924/25 to work as one. This calendar is for heritage groups and history organisations who want to take part in celebrations throughout the year of 2025, sharing their events, coming to the collaborative conferences and open days, and learning from each other.

Please contact [paddingonthenandnow@gmail.com](mailto:paddingonthenandnow@gmail.com) for further information.

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**Camel trains to steel wheels**  
**Adelaide**



**Ooldea: the meeting place**  
**Adelaide | 22 October**

National Archives continues to sponsor events and information Australia-wide.

Click on the link to find out what else is happening, including many new and interesting events.

[National Archives of Australia](#)



RootsTech by Family Search has held an annual conference every year since 2011. It has grown and changed during the years it has been offered.

The RootsTech conference is offered both in-person and online. It runs Family History classes tailored to all interests and skill levels, and is available in over 40 languages and covers nearly every country. Each year, RootsTech partners with companies to showcase innovations and cutting-edge technology that can help make new family history connections.

The 2025 conference will be held on March 6-8 in Salt Lake City, USA. Online attendance is free and in-person costs are listed in the registration information.

Click on the link below to find out more and to register.

[Register here](#)



## Family History Academy

The Family History Academy has released its October newsletter, which includes information about forthcoming skills building events and news of interest to

family historians.

Read the October newsletter at <https://preview.mailerlite.io/emails/webview/275057/134121350042223866> and find out more about the Academy at their website: <https://www.familyhistoryacademy.com.au/>.

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## MyHeritage has an important new French historical record collection



MyHeritage has just published an important new historical record collection: France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970. This valuable collection offers an index of deceased or officially missing people from various French departments, spanning 80 years of history. It includes 26 million records, with high quality scanned images.

Gain access to the collection here:

[\*\*Search France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970\*\*](#)

This collection is particularly important for researchers of French heritage because it provides a valuable alternative to national death records for this period, which have not yet been digitized or made available online. MyHeritage is currently the only service that offers digitized, online access to this collection.

This release is part of MyHeritage's ongoing effort to build a robust collection of French records. Following the acquisition of Filae, and, more recently, [MesAieux.com](https://www.mesaieux.com), MyHeritage now serves as one of the best resources for researching French-speaking ancestors.

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## Father's WW2 fork found 84 years after last meal

David Balfour was stunned after a fork belonging to his soldier father, Robert, who was reported missing in action in 1940, was found hidden in a house in northern France.

In June 1940, Pte Balfour was part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) fighting in France and Belgium. Following the German advance, the BEF found itself in retreat, leading to a mass evacuation of hundreds of thousands of troops from the beaches around Dunkirk, and later from Normandy.

Little is known about Fife-born Pte Balfour's fate; he was believed to have been killed on or around 12 June. His body was never found. David Balfour was born days after his father was killed.

Earlier this year, a fork was discovered in the village of Houdetot during a house renovation. Recognising the forks to be British Army-issue, a local historian made inquiries that took him to Kent, where Pte Balfour and his family lived before the war. He was then able to trace the family.

Click on the following link to read how a personal artifact can help draw the pieces of a person's life story together.

[Click here](#)



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## **An invitation to First Fleet descendants to contribute to a unique recipe book**

Are you a proud descendant of one of Australia's First Fleeters (convict and non-convict) who arrived at Sydney Cove in 1788?

Vicki Roberts has advised QFHS that she is developing a project to put together a unique recipe book that will honour the legacy of First Fleet descendants' ancestors. It will portray their history and tell their stories of resilience, courage, survival and adaptation, and share their treasured Family recipes from generations past.

If you are interested in participating or would just like further information, contact Vicki at 0477 322 837.

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## **Source of our cover illustrations**

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





*The Queenslander* was launched by the Brisbane Newspaper Company in 1866 and discontinued in 1939. It was the weekly summary and literary edition of the *Brisbane Courier*, the leading journal in the colony - and, from 1859, the State of Queensland.

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

## Acknowledgements

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