

# Snippets 2025



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Well, what a month! Alfred certainly made his presence felt, although he took his time getting over the coastline. In the meantime, water went everywhere, power went out all over the place, and the QFHS Centre was forced to close for a few days.

We hope that a minimum number of QFHS members were seriously affected and that you are seeking and getting excellent help.

On another note, if you ended up with some water-damaged documents, this issue contains a great article from Queensland Archives on how to salvage water-damaged papers, photos and records.

Good news, QFHS has a new volunteer Welfare Officer. Many thanks to Carmel Bell - please read her note inside to members, especially those experiencing bad times.

However, we continue to ask for a new Members' Lounge Support Officer to volunteer, so we can keep offering our members all our existing services. This Snippets issue contains a

position description and how to apply for the position.

The Connections Convention is upon us here in Brisbane. Charlotte Sale is still looking for people to staff the QFHS stand, even if only briefly. For details please see her recently circulated list of times.

And happy news! There are lots of interesting things happening over the next few weeks. See further ...

**Sheena de Jager Miles and Deborah Clark-Dickson**  
**Snippets Co-editors**

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## NEWS

### **QFHS General Meeting (online)** **Tuesday 25 March 7:30pm-9pm**



Image from Pixabay

The meeting [agenda plus President's and Treasurer's Reports will be available on the website for member perusal](#) seven (7) days before the General Meeting.

Members may register questions for and/or add items to the agenda. Email the Secretary at [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au)

All members are urged to participate.

Register to attend or record your apology below.

**[REGISTER](#)**

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**Closure Dates for the QFHS Centre**

Please note that the Research Centre will be closed on the following days:

18th April - Good Friday Public Holiday

19th April - Easter Saturday

20th April - Easter Sunday

21st April - Easter Monday Public Holiday

25th April - Friday ANZAC Day Public Holiday

5th May - Monday Labour Day (Qld) Public Holiday

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## **The Queensland State Archives**

If you have water-damaged papers, photos and records, you might find it useful to read the attached article and watch the video on how to salvage them..

[Read more ....](#)

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## **New Welfare Officer**

We have a new Welfare Officer, Carmel Bell. Thanks you, Carmel.

A message from Carmel:

'If anyone out there knows of any member who has passed away, is sick, recovering from a hospital stay, feeling lonely, insecure or just plain out of sorts, can you please let me know so that I can make contact with them to check in or offer our sympathies to the families.'

Carmel can be contacted at [member.welfare@qfhs.org.au](mailto:member.welfare@qfhs.org.au) or 0408 795 316.

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# WANTED

## **Members' Lounge Support Officer**

**Overview**

The Members Lounge (ML) adds value to QFHS membership by providing opportunities for member engagement and skill development via a number of exclusive-to-members monthly programs. Most activities are cost-free.

**Skills Required:**

- Confident computer skills and familiarity with basic apps. Note: tasks are mostly 'copy and modify' previous entry
- Good time-management skills – most tasks are time sensitive so must be completed in a timely manner
- Pays attention to detail
- Good descriptive writing skills

**Desirable:**

- Familiarity with Eventbrite, Zoom, Survey Monkey or a willingness to learn

**Time Commitment:** Variable as initial setup – Eventbrite listing, emails to participants, Calendar and Website – may require more time but, generally, 1 hour per week should be sufficient.

**Benefits:**

This is a key role at QFHS, communicating important information and enabling member participation in a wide range of programs and events which foster member engagement and skill development.

**How to apply:**

You can express your interest in this position by emailing: [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au). Please include '**Members' Lounge Support Officer**' in the subject line. Further information is available.

Our first event will be a Social Coffee and Chat on the Southside on 31 March 2025 at Lovewell café, Mt Gravatt, and we are looking for someone to make arrangements with the café, set up Eventbrite registration, and host from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm Most events for 2025 have been decided and are being advertised. Help with Eventbrite will be arranged if you are new to that format.

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**Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**Next meetings:**



**Central European:**

**Colonial India & the Far East:**

**DNA (beginners questions):**

**DNA (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 5 Apr 25 - 10am - hybrid**

**Sunday 13 Apr 25 - 10.30am - zoom**

**Saturday 29 Mar 25 - 10am - hybrid**

**Saturday 26 Apr 25 - 10am - hybrid**

**Thursday 27 Mar 25 - 12 noon - online**

**Saturday 17 May 25 - 9am - online**

**Sunday 6 Apr 25 - 1pm - online**

**Friday 4 Apr 25 - 10am - online**

**Saturday 12 Apr 25 - 10am - hybrid**

**Friday 6 Jun 25 - 1:30pm - excursion**

**Saturday 10 May 25 - 10am - hybrid**

**Thursday 17 Apr 25 - 7pm - online**

**Sunday 18 May 25 - 10am - hybrid**

**Meetings vary between: online; hybrid with some members online and some in person; 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.

### **Learning 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 meeting.

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# Next Management Committee meeting

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

**8 April 2025 at 7.00pm by zoom**

QFHS members may submit items for the MC meeting via the Secretary at [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.

**The next session will be held on Sunday, 30th March at 9.30am at the QFHS centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside.**

Bookings are essential at [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au)

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### **Members Lounge - Presenting ...**

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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.

[Read more...](#)

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## Members Lounge - Talking About ...

### Talking About Ferries

Wednesday 26th March at 10am online

Ferries were one of the earliest forms of transport in all capital cities except Adelaide.



[Read more...](#)

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## Members Lounge - Social ...

### Coffee & Chat Southside

Monday, 31st March 10:00am

[Read more....](#)



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## Learn@QFHS ...



**NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA**

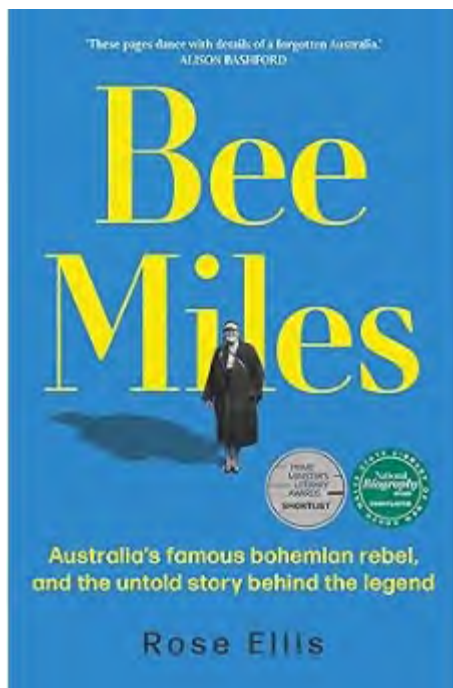
## Introduction to Collection and Record Search

11th April at 10:00am - online

This seminar provides an overview of records within the National Archives of Australia (NAA) collection relevant for family history research.

[To book and read more....](#)

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## Book Club

28th April at 7:30pm online

"Bee Miles"

by Rose Ellis

**Bee Miles:** Australia's famous bohemian rebel, and the untold story behind the legend

[Read more...](#)

**NOTICEBOARD**





E. M. Fletcher Writing Award is an annual short story writing competition on a family history/genealogy theme.

2025 Competition opens 15th February and closes on 15th July.

[Read more...](#)



The Family History Federation is based in the UK but it puts out a "Really Useful Bulletin" each month on its website that may be of interest to our members with UK backgrounds.

[Read more...](#)



### **Back for 2025 - Digital Skills for Family History course**

Saturday 12, 19 and 28 July - 10am - 12pm Sydney time

The Society is excited to be able to offer this program, presented by Andrew Redfern, to family history enthusiasts again in 2025.

Places are limited to 30 people per course and all sessions held in 2024 sold out very quickly. If you missed out last year here is your chance!

[Read more...](#)

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The Royal Australian Historical Society (in Sydney) has day lectures and workshops. The next sessions coming up in April are as follows:

Wednesday, 2nd April - Day Lecture

The True Story of the Dog on the Tuckerbox

Wednesday, 9th April - Workshop

Using Maps in Local History Research

[For more information on their events....](#)

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## **Australian Celtic Festival**

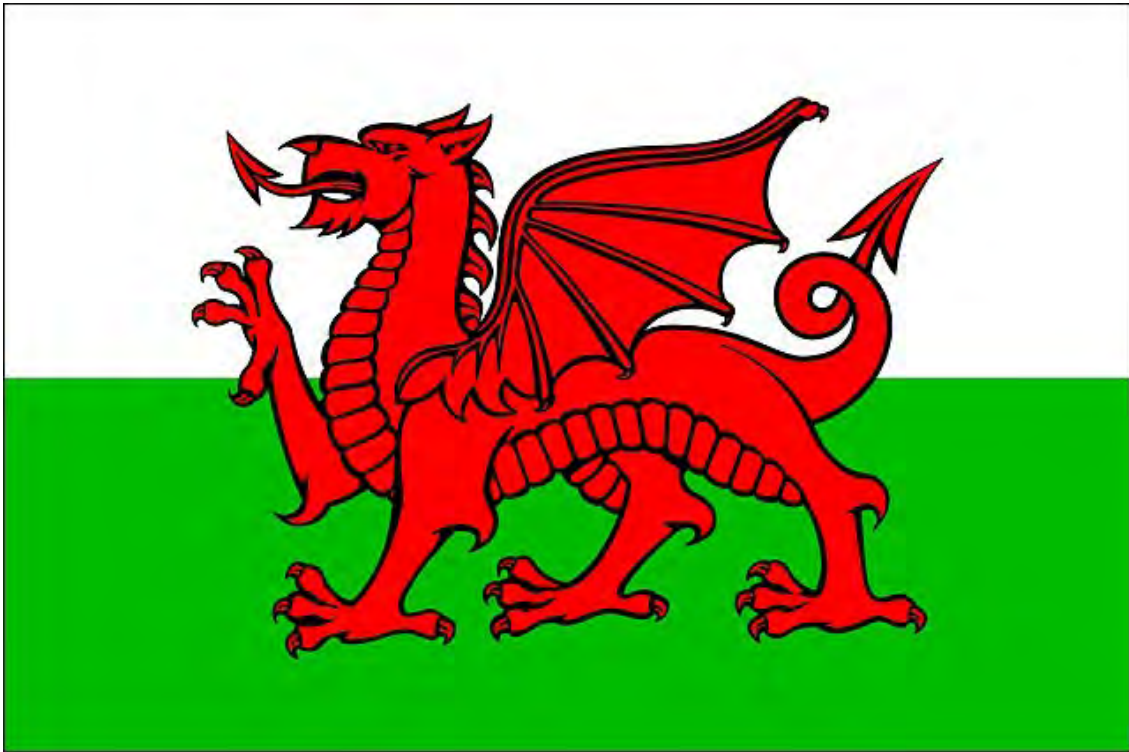
**1-4 May 2025**

Held annually at Glen Innes, NSW, the 2025 festival will particularly celebrate the Festival's Year of Brittany, Cornwall & Wales.

[Read more...](#)

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**RESOURCES - NEW AND ONGOING**



## Welsh Place-Name Society

“Our place-names face a serious and regular threat when they are changed, translated or ignored. Once lost an essential and substantial part of our heritage and links to our past will disappear. Unfortunately the legislation that protects other elements of our heritage such as buildings, animals and plants has been denied to place-names.”

[Read more...](#)

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QUEENSLAND  
STATE ARCHIVES

## Forthcoming release of the 1994 Queensland Cabinet papers

Can you remember what happened in 1994? To be reminded, dive into the Queensland Cabinet Minutes, which are about to be released by the Queensland State Archives.

Read further through the following

link: <https://mail.archives.qld.gov.au/v/40791/1604806/email.html?k=Djo2P8ZTjxvhH-5jSs26jGjZecPTvelxIY41Z8EYwUc>.

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## Free Book

A new open-access book, *Inheriting the Family: Objects, Identities and Emotions*, edited by Katie Barclay, Tanya Evans, Joanne Begiato, Laura King, and Ashley Barnwell, explores how family inheritances shape personal identity, cultural heritage, and national memory.

Utilising methodologies from the history and sociology of emotions, the collection examines the selection of specific family tokens and their transition from private keepsakes to public heritage.

Through diverse case studies - including Victorian library chairs, quilts, religious texts, and intergenerational writings - the book delves into the emotional significance of inherited objects across various social, racial, and ethnic groups.

Published by Bloomsbury Academic in 2025, the ebook is available under a CC BY-NC-ND 4.0 license on [bloomsburycollections.com](https://bloomsburycollections.com), with open access funded by UK Research and Innovation.

Download for free [here...](#)

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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.

By going to <https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/familysearch-library-webinars-november-2024>, you will gain access to view the newsletter, which gives information about the latest events and also further information about FamilySearch's expanding collection

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## 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.

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## Journals: a rich resource

### NSW

- [Burwood Ances Tree 38 1 2025 03](#)
- [Central Coast E Muster 39 2024 08](#)
- [Coffs Genie Allergy 116 2024 12](#)
- [Coffs Genie Allergy 117 2025 03](#)
- [Founders 55 6 2025 12](#)
- [Illawarra 142 2024 12](#)
- [Hawkesbury Crier 2025 03](#)
- [Lithgow Pioneer Press 39 3 2025 02](#)
- [Mallee Stump 2023 03](#)
- [Mallee Stump 2023 06](#)
- [Mallee Stump 2023 09](#)
- [Mallee Stump 2024 07](#)
- [Mallee Stump 2024 11](#)
- [Mallee Stump 2025 03](#)
- [Manning Wallamba Figtree 173 2025 03](#)
- [Murrumbidgee Ancestor 144 2025 02](#)
- [Newcastle Journal 249 2025 03](#)
- [Richmond Tweed Cedar Log 163 2025 03](#)

### Queensland

- [CQ Genie Ologist 151 2025 02](#)
- [RHSQ 904 2025 03](#)
- [Toowoomba DDFHS 38 1 2025 03](#)

### Tas

- [Tasmanian Ancestry 45 4 2025 03](#)

### Victoria

[Narre Warren 143 2025 02](#)

## **England**

[Bedfordshire 25 1 2025 03](#)

[Berkshire 48 2025 03](#)

[Cheshire Ancestor 55 3 2025 03](#)

[Cornwall Issue 195 2025 03](#)

[Cumbria Newsletter 194 2025 03](#)

[Hertfordshire People 172 2025 03](#)

[Kent 17 10 2025 03](#)

[Lanarkshire Journal 84 2024 02](#)

[Lanarkshire Journal 85 2024 06](#)

[Lanarkshire Journal 86 2024 10](#)

[Manchester Genealogist Issue 61 1 2025 03](#)

[Ormskirk Family Historian 96 2025 03](#)

[West Middlesex 43 1 2025 03](#)

[Shropshire Journal 46 1 2025 03](#)

[SoG Genealogists Magazine 35 1 2025 03](#)

[Wiltshire 176 2025 01](#)

[Yorks Family Historian 50 3 2024 12](#)

## **Ireland**

[NIFHS News 69 2025 02](#)

## **Scotland**

[Aberdeen NES 173 2025 02](#)

[Dumfries Galloway NI111 2025 03](#)

[Gallus 131 2024 10](#)

## **Wales**

[Glamorgan Journal 157 2025 03](#)

## **Canada**

[BCGS Cariboo Notes 42 1 2025](#)

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# **Ken Your Kin!**

**Strathclyde Institute for Genealogical Studies (SIGS)**

is thrilled to launch Ken Your Kin, an exciting new event being held in **Glasgow, Scotland from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.**



Whether you're a seasoned genealogist or taking your first steps into the world of Scottish family history, the **Ken Your Kin Summer School** promises an unforgettable journey into the heart of Scottish ancestry and heritage.

More information and bookings [here...](#)

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## 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). Some can be accessed from home, and others the Research Centre in Chermshire.

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.

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

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## Ellis Rowan: Colonialism and Nature Painting Queensland Museum Cobb+Co, Toowoomba

Open until **21 April 2025**

Daily, 9am - 4pm

Free admission, no bookings required

For further information, click below:

[Ellis Rowan , Queensland Museum, Toowoomba](#)



The Harry Gentle Resource Centre (School of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences, Griffith University) has announced the soft launch of the Centre's online Harry Gentle Resource Centre Dictionary of Biography.

This resource is designed to initially 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.

For further information, go to <https://harrygentle.griffith.edu.au/>. The page 'Search Guide' will assist in navigating the dictionary.

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## A First Fleet reunion

In October 2025, a gathering of descendants of three convicts of the First Fleet will take place in Hobart. The purpose is to celebrate the strength and resilience of our ancestors, their unique history, and to share stories of their lives.



When the First Fleet set sail on 13 May 1787, on board the *Scarborough* were Jacob Bellett and Edward Garth and, on the *Friendship*, was Susannah Gough. All were convicts, found guilty of theft and sentenced to transportation. During their years in Australia, the three people and their subsequent families knew each other well, intermarried, and had many descendants.

If you are interested in gaining more information about the reunion, email [hobartoct2025@gmail.com](mailto:hobartoct2025@gmail.com), or go to <https://garthbellett.wordpress.com/the-event/>.

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## **We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories**

Would you like to contribute to our project **We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories**?

We are collecting family stories of wartime experiences - whether in a theatre of war or on the homefront anywhere in the world - and in due course will launch a virtual **We Remember Them** honour board on the website.

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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## **100 years of Greater Brisbane**

The organisers of **100 years of Greater Brisbane** has contacted QFHS about its shared calendar for all history and heritage organisations in Brisbane.

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 celebrations throughout the year of 2025, sharing their events, collaborative conferences and open days.

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

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## MyHeritage's French historical record collection



MyHeritage offers an important historical record collection: France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970. This 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](#)

## MyStories

MyHeritage is launching MyStories, a new Global service that enables you to capture your personal stories in a printed book. You can check it out at [MyStories.com](https://www.myheritage.com/mystories).

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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.

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## 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](mailto: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.

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



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