



Newsflash

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From the President

My new year's resolution was to make the most of the coming year actually doing family history and revisiting research I did over twenty years ago. I began with a continuing search of my sister in law's family as I had promised her some time ago that I could discover her heritage.

Well, I didn't expect the surprise we both received when I discovered that two of her grandparents were born in Ireland and seven of eight great grandparents were also born in Ireland. I have yet to discover where one great grandmother was born, but I suspect that will also be in Ireland!

It was unfortunate that owing to another outbreak of Covid-19 and the accompanying lockdowns we had to postpone the Congress last August. The Norfolk Island Museum are hosting the event from 1st to 4th August 2022 on Norfolk Island. Most of the speakers and talks which had been planned for 2021 will still go ahead, but there will be some changes to the programme.

If you are now in a position to be able to attend please go to the website <https://affhocongress2022.com> to see the programme, the travel and accommodation packages and other information. I have never been to Norfolk Island and am looking forward to having a great experience on this beautiful and historic island.

Have you visited the AFFHO website recently? Our webmaster, Jan Squire, has been busy over the last few weeks revamping the pages after a change in platform. There are still some pages to be loaded – it's a huge task updating and transferring information. Our AFFHO Council appreciates and thanks Jan for the time she has devoted to this task. Do take a look <https://affho.org>

Member societies can advertise their upcoming events and any news in this newsletter for free! Have you any news about your society which you would like to share with others? Email editor@affho.org with your news and if space allows and it fits the criteria it will be published.

Robyn Williams, President AFFHO

Join the celebrations!

Thinking of hosting a face-to-face or online heritage event between 1 April - 31 May 2022? We welcome you to register your event as part of the [Australian Heritage Festival](#) - the largest annual community-driven heritage festival in the country.

We're looking for all things heritage. Walks, talks, exhibitions, demonstrations, fairs, lunches, open days and more to help bring heritage to life for everyone. The Festival encourages the community to wonder, investigate, and learn about natural, cultural, Indigenous, living and built heritage across the nation.



Register your event by 5pm Friday 14 January for the chance to be included in our special Australian Heritage Festival feature in the next edition of the National Trust (NSW) magazine.

The Festival runs throughout April and May, so there's more opportunity than ever to participate.

The National Trust invites major precincts and venues, local councils, community groups, galleries and museums, historical and literature societies, libraries and heritage enthusiasts to register events that fall within the festival dates and align with the theme, Curiosity.

Key dates:

December 2021: Registration of events opens

February 2022: The Australian Heritage Festival website goes live to the public

Friday 25 March 2022: Registration of events closes

Friday 1 April 2022: Australian Heritage Festival opens

Tuesday 31 May 2022: Australian Heritage Festival closes.

I'm in! What do I have to do?

To get started, visit the ['event organisers' webpage](#) for more information including downloads, toolkits and checklists. This outlines the registration criteria and what support you will receive from the National Trust. When you have your event organised, you're ready to register your event.



Congress on Norfolk Island: 1-4 August 2022



Congress 2022: The Congress which was postponed from 2021 is still being planned for Monday 1st to Thursday 4th August 2022. The programme, speakers' details and other information is available now.

Hosted by Norfolk Island Museum. Come join us for a week of events culminating in the conference, with outstanding guest speakers from a variety of subjects, all designed to help you in your quest for knowledge.

Attend a variety of lectures & workshops, hear Genealogical Experts, and attend the Trade Show.

Tour Norfolk Island attractions, Museums, including the World Heritage Listed Kingston.

Check out the following:

Congress website - <https://affhocongress2022.com>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/AFFHO2022>

Back to Basics: Research Planning and Execution Online

with Cyndi Ingle

26 March 2022 at 9 am (Queensland time) by Zoom
with Australian, New Zealand and UK examples

Synopsis

You've been researching for years, but you find yourself repeating searches and looking at the same things over and over again online. You're either spinning your wheels or reinventing the wheel, but either way you go round and round. We will discuss some strategies for planning your research and executing it efficiently, while keeping track of what you are currently doing and plan to do in the future.

Bio

Cyndi Ingle is the creator and innovator behind the award-winning and globally recognized CyndisList.com, a free categorized list of more than 337,000 links for genealogical research. In its 25 years online Cyndi's List has consistently remained in the top tiers for genealogical research tools online. It helps millions of visitors worldwide and has been featured in the media and diverse publications, US TV, the BBC, National Public Radio, USA Today, Time, Newsweek, Parade Magazine, People Magazine, Wired, Ancestry Magazine, Family Tree Magazine, Family Chronicle, and Internet Genealogy magazines.

Cost: \$20 GSQ and QFHS members. Non-members \$30.

Book at: Upcoming Events – GSQ



Starting your genealogical journey?

Or helping someone to get started? Make sure you're *Getting It Right!*



You can find these resources and more under *Resources/ Getting Started*

www.genealogy.org.nz/



E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition

The Family History ACT annual competition for the best short story is now open. Now is the time to start writing your stories to be in contention to win the 2022 E.M. Fletcher Writing Award.

The competition will be judged to select the best short story of 1,500 – 2,000 words on a family history / genealogy theme. We would also like each entrant to include a short (25 words or less) inspiration statement at the end of their story. What was important to you in telling your story and how you chose to write it? Knowing what inspired you will give our judges an understanding of the context from which your story was written.



If you are looking for inspiration, check out the story extracts from our previous winners –

2021 Winner: Denise Newton - [The Bitterness of their Woe](#)

2020 Winner: David Wintrip - [A Lamb's Tale](#)

2019 Winner: Kathryn Coughran - [All at Sea](#)

Or purchase a copy of [Every Family has a Story – Stories from the 2020 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition](#) a compendium of 54 stories which will no doubt inspire you to start writing.

The easiest way to enter the competition is online via the [FHA CT website](#). It's your one stop shop for all the information about the competition including the terms and conditions and a handy checklist about commonly overlooked requirements. Don't forget to log in as a member to take advantage of the member's only reduced entry fee.

Start writing now and be in with a chance to win a \$1,000 1st prize sponsored by FHA CT, a \$500 runner up prize sponsored by the University of Tasmania and a special FHA CT member only prize of a \$100 society voucher. Every family has a story - write yours now!

Please feel free to share the [competition poster](#) with your family, friends and networks. For all enquiries to writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au.

New Release of "My Family History"

A ten-generation family history research record book with pedigree charts

Robert Boyd Publications (UK) is pleased to announce the release of the 3rd Edition of 'My Family History Record Book' and the appointment of the **Genealogical Society of Queensland** as its sole distributor for Australia, New Zealand and their territories.

My Family History is an efficient and attractive method of recording and displaying the results of family history research. It can be used as a presentation document to family members and as a handy aide memoire to carry around when researching.

The product is in two main parts: a ten-generation record book and an 84x56cms loose leaf, two-sided ten-generation pedigree chart, plus a system for recording re-marriages or new partnerships.

This 3rd edition allows the recording of ancestors back to 7x great grandparents; 512 marriages, 1024 direct ancestors plus offspring and siblings, stretching back to the early 1700's and beyond. All individuals are allocated unique reference numbers to match entries in the record book with those on the pedigree charts. The referencing system also provides an automatic filing system for related documents and data on ancestors held elsewhere. The new 2021 edition now includes a facility to record that the 1939 Register and 1921 Census have been interrogated in respect of appropriate ancestors.

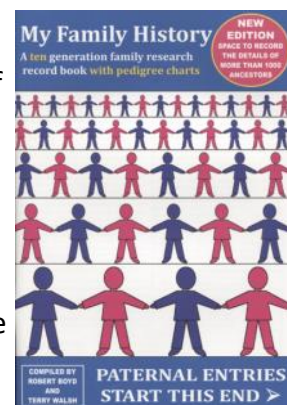
The 'My Family History Ten-Generation Pedigree Chart' is also available separately.

EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR: AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Retail and trade orders available from: Genealogical Society of Queensland

Email: shop@gsg.org.au

Retail price: \$A28.00 plus postage - Wholesale price: available on request.



Sands of Time – Call for Speakers

Local and Family History Conference 21-23 October 2022

We are excited to announce that planning for the 2022 Queensland State Conference for Family and Local History is underway. “Sands Of Time” will be held over three days, October 21st – 23rd at the Redcliffe Leagues Club in the beautiful Moreton Bay region.



This is an important event for family and local historians and will:

- Provide an inspiring platform to inform across a wide range of topic and levels of expertise.
- Highlight the significant work undertaken by volunteers as they link individuals with families, ancestors and communities.
- Provide a forum for societies to discuss the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.
- Introduce the wider community to the benefits of researching through family and local history societies

Are you an industry expert, passionate historian or research professional willing to share your experiences, insights and knowledge with colleagues and peers?

History Redcliffe is now accepting proposals for educational sessions at the nationally recognized Queensland State Conference for Family and Local History 2022, which is taking place 21st – 23rd October 2022.

We are looking for dynamic speakers and important topics that will provide the best possible experience for attendees. This is a great opportunity for you to give back to your profession by sharing your knowledge and insights.

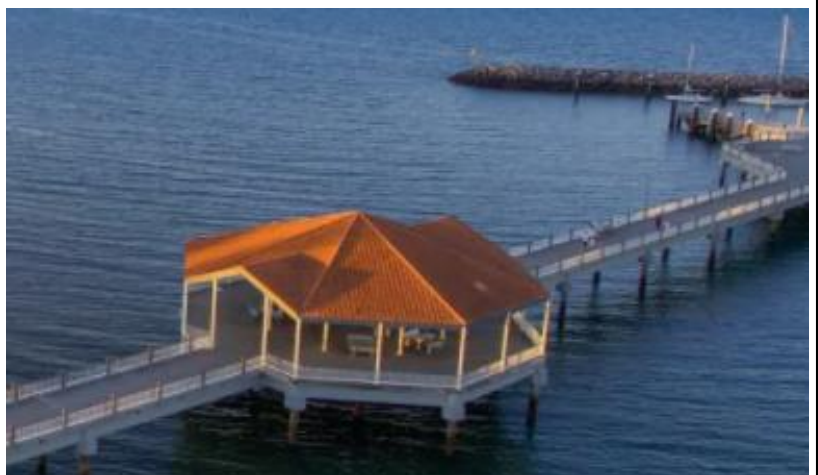
Attendees today are looking for more out of their conference education experience—hands-on learning, interaction with the presenter, case studies, real-world examples, and opportunities to dive deeper into topics. We strongly encourage you to consider new ways to incorporate these types of interactions while you are developing your session. Be sure to indicate in your submission how you intend to deliver this interactive type of learning environment.

Submission close on Friday 18th March 2022.

Topics areas for the conference

We are looking for submissions across a range of topics that may include the following areas:

- DNA
- Process improvement
- Emerging technologies
- Methodology
- Capturing history as it happens
- The following types of sessions will be offered at our 2022 event:
 - 60-minute session (Keynote Presentation)
 - 40-minute session



This submission is only for the 40-minute session.

For more details contact admin@sandsoftime.org.au

Passenger Lists - Victoria, Australia Outwards to New Zealand 1852-1923

Transcription of passenger lists of the ships leaving Victoria, Australia for New Zealand ports, as contained in VPRS 948 Outward Passenger Lists 1852-1923.

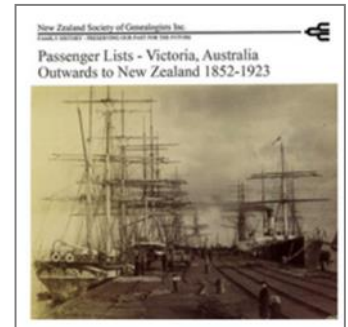
These were originally published as 4 sets of fiche:

Part 1, 1852-1860 **Part 2**, 1861-1865 **Part 3**, 1866-1870 **Part 4**, 1871-1880.

This CD contains all the data from the four published sets of fiche plus remaining data transcribed up to and including 1923. The index contains a total of 368,481 passenger records and 5040 ship records covering the years 1852-1923. It is searchable by Passenger, Ship and Port of Arrival.

Price NZ\$30.00 plus postage

Available from NZSG www.genealogy.org.nz > Shop to order



NICK VINE HALL AWARD 2022



The Nick Vine Hall Award is awarded annually to member societies (in two categories based on membership) for the best family history journal/newsletter in Australia and New Zealand.

AFFHO provides this award to encourage its member societies to produce quality journals/newsletters, and to honour Nick Vine Hall AM.

- ◆ First prize – Wall plaque and \$300 to the Society; Certificate to the Editor
- ◆ Second prize – Certificate and \$100 to the Society; Certificate to the Editor

For a journal/newsletter produced in 2021
Entries close 31 March 2022

Refer to the AFFHO website for conditions of entry: www.affho.org