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Online Newsletter June 2007

Welcome to the second edition of **QHTA eNewsletter** for 2007. The QHTA looks forward to providing you with your copies of journals, eNewsletters and email updates throughout the year. In this edition we have information on National History Curriculum activity, details on the 2008 Simpson Prize Winners, links to the 2007 National History Challenge, upcoming dates in What's On, web links to new resources, some more weblinks to news articles of interest, and, finally, some 'other matters' happening in the world of history teaching. We hope first semester has gone well for you and look forward to seeing you at the QHTA State Conference on 23 June 2007.

Dr Glenn Davies (editor)

Have you registered for the State Conference?

What's Next?

Saturday, 23 June 2007
8.45am - 3.30pm

St Joseph's College
Gregory Terrace, Brisbane

More details at <http://www.qhta.com.au/forteachers.htm>

National History Curriculum activity

To review the **2006 Australian History Summit** public debate and its aftermath go to <http://www.htansw.asn.au/what/History%20Summit/historysummit.htm> and <http://olt.qut.edu.au/udf/SUNPRO/>

"The Future of Schooling in Australia", a review of the "1999 Adelaide Declaration on Schooling" was released on 24 April 2007. A copy of the report is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/publication/production/reports/future/index.html>

The 2008 Simpson Prize

The 2008 Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students. Eight students, one from each state and territory, accompanied by two teachers will be flown to Gallipoli or the Western Front to attend the dawn service and other Anzac Day ceremonies in 2008. The topic for the 2008 Simpson Prize is:

To what extent was Simpson a hero? How have his heroic qualities been demonstrated by other Australians since 1915?

For full details about this competition go to <http://www.afsffe.asn.au/index.htm>

2007 Simpson Prize winners - follow their travels at

<http://blog.awm.gov.au/gallipoli2007/>



2007 National History Challenge

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. The theme for the 2007 National History Challenge is "Lessons from the Past".

An overview of each of the winning 2006 Queensland essays is at <http://www.qhta.com.au/competitions.htm>

More details on **National History Challenge** at <http://www.historychallenge.com.au>



2007 QHTA Historical Writing Competition

Submissions are invited for the **2007 QHTA Historical Writing Competition** again this year. The topic may relate to an historical piece from ancient or modern times - see the competition conditions and application form on our website at <http://www.qhta.com.au/competitions.htm>



Due Date: Friday 21 September 2007

What's on ...

6 May - 21 July 2007 - '67 Referendum. The State Library of Queensland is hosting a varied program of activities and free events regarding the 1967 Referendum. No bookings required.

10 - 28 June 2007 - Weaving Exhibition. A *Dozen Weavers* present their 18th Annual Exhibition on the ground floor of the Commissariat Store, Brisbane. This year each weaver has created articles based on the individual interpretation of the theme "Connections". At the conclusion of the Exhibition all displayed items will be offered for sale. The Exhibition will be open from 10am - 4pm and normal Royal Historical Society of Queensland Museum charge apply.

15 June 2007 - American War Posters at the Australian National Maritime Museum. Redcliffe Museum presents a free Special Seminar at 75 Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe at 10am. Guest speaker is Paul Hundley who will speak about the works on show in the travelling exhibition. Morning tea provided. RSVP 3883 1898.

16 June and 20 June 2007 - Passion for the Post. A free seminar at National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill (9am - 10am).

22 June 2007 - Broken Links, the Stolen Generations in Queensland series. Dr Pamela Croft talks about being adopted by a non-indigenous family. Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery, Level 4, State Library of Queensland. 12.30 - 1pm.

23 June 2007 - QHTA State Conference. St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. Registration form available at <http://www.qhta.com.au/forteachers.htm>

7 - 8 July 2007 - Abbey Medieval Festival. The Abbey Medieval Festival has become the largest and most authentic medieval event in Australia. It spans a thousand years from the Dark Ages of Europe to the Byzantine courts and on to the High Middle Ages or the flamboyant world of the Turkish Janissaries; from bewitching gypsy dance troupes to the ferocious Vikings. In 2006, approximately 18500 people attended the Tournament. Festivities begin with the famous and spectacular Banquet on 30 June and is followed by a week of events, displays, mask-making, lectures, concerts and children's activities. The spine-tingling Knighting Ceremony is held on 6 July in the Abbey Church. For more information go to <http://www.abbeytournament.com>

18 July 2007 - Broken Links, the Stolen Generations in Queensland series. Dr Mark Copeland and Marianne Wobcke talk about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Queensland. Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery, Level 4, State Library of Queensland. 12.30 - 1pm.

18 July and 21 July 2007 - The Wide Brown Land (Records on land use). A free seminar at National Archives of Australia, Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill (9am - 10am)

27 - 30 September 2007 - Old Stories New Ways: 2007 National Oral History

Conference. Brisbane has been chosen as the venue for the biennial event which brings together oral historians from here and overseas. Further information at <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au>

2 - 5 October 2007 - 2007 History Teachers' Association of Australia Annual Conference, Shore School, North Sydney. The conference theme is "*Source, Text, Memory - Exploring the Place of History*". For a conference flier go to <http://www.htansw.asn.au/profdevt/2007%20HTAA%20CONFERENCE%20FINAL%20Program.pdf>

Recent news articles of interest ...

Premier committed to teaching Australian history in schools at
<http://www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/MMS/StatementDisplaySingle.aspx?id=49239>

Dereliction of duty - The Australian, 26 April 2007. Greg Sheridan's views on history teaching at http://blogs.theaustralian.news.com.au/gregsheridan/index.php/theaustralian/comments/dereliction_of_duty

Forcing History on Schools. The Bartlett Diaries. Web diary of Andrew Bartlett, Queensland Democrat Senator, and blog responses at <http://www.andrewbartlett.com/blog/?p=1283>

Have you seen these new resources...

National Treasures - The National Library of Australia's *National Treasures* website has a 'For Teachers' link which provides a range of educational activities linked to the *National Treasures* exhibition pieces. These activities are grouped into age levels at <http://nationaltreasures.nla.gov.au>

EnhanceTV

EnhanceTV is a unique web resource for Australian New Zealand educators, providing information on educational TV programs and films, as well as free study guides and feature articles to help teach television in the classroom. EnhanceTV provides a weekly email of educational TV highlights, over 500 study guides and feature articles, educational online TV guide, RSS feeds, podcasts, and searchable archive of over 40,000 film and TV titles. For more information go to <http://www.enhancetv.com.au>

1967 referendum - 40th anniversary: a vote for Indigenous Australia. This simply written, well-illustrated and informative website celebrates the 40th anniversary of the 'yes' vote in the 1967 Referendum, which ended discrimination against Indigenous Australians in the Australian Constitution. Go to <http://www.macnet.mq.edu.au/anonymous@FFC52650397/-/p/67referendum/index.html?>

Music source - Vera Bradford playing piano. Monash University recently added an innovative dimension to its historical research and publishing facilities with the inclusion of video imagery in an online journal. Professor Marian Quarterly, *History Australia* editor, said that the use of a short video by renowned Australian pianist Vera Bradford was the first time this medium had been used in an online journal. To view the clip and hear the music go to <http://publications.epress.monash.edu.au/doi/suppl/10.2104/ha060053>

Operation CLICK Anzac to Kokoda

Department of Veterans' Affairs - Distributed to all schools. Resources include book, CD and websites. More information at <http://www.anzacsite.gov.au/operationclick>

American History for Australasian Schools. The Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association website provides resources on the American Revolutions, Native Americans, The US 1919-1941, The Cold War, and the Civil Rights Movement at <http://www.anzasa.arts.usyd.edu.au/ahas/>

Global Education News - June 2007. Read it online at <http://www.globaleducation.edna.edu.au/news>

Free Educational Resources - Australian colonial history resources available at <http://www.teacherspet.net.au>

Digital Learning Objects

The Le@rning Federation employs emerging technologies to produce world-class online curriculum content to encourage student learning and support teachers in Australian and New Zealand schools. For more information see <http://www.thelearningfederation.edu.au> Brisbane Catholic Education has several DLOs available. You will find them at <http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/asp/index.asp?pgid=10715>

Other matters...

Immigration Bridge Australia is constructing a pedestrian bridge over Lake Burley Griffin linking the National Museum of Australia and the Australian National University with the Parliamentary Triangle in Canberra. It will honour the contributions made by migrants to this country. Permanently engraved on the sculpted stainless steel handrail will be 200,000 names of people who have settled in Australia since 1788. Every Australian family is invited to contribute their name with country of origin and year of arrival. Cost of each name is \$110. For further information go to <http://www.immigrationbridge.com.au>

2007 QHTA Membership Forms are now available on the QHTA website - <http://www.qhta.com.au>

History Matters - To subscribe to an email service providing updates and insights into implementing the new AHS & MHS syllabus contact Mary-Anne Vale, Standards & Assessment Officer, QSA at maryanne.vale@qsa.qld.edu.au

Have you visited **The National Centre for History Education** to find: units of work - *Making History - Ozhistorybytes* for themes on sport and history, refugees, terrorism, national museums and identity - Professional Digest - All this and much, much more at <http://www.hyperhistory.org>

Queensland State Archives at 435 Compton Road, Runcorn, are open Monday to Friday from 9am - 4.30pm and on the second Saturday of each month from 9am - 4.30pm.

National Archives of Australia at 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill, are now open every Wednesday to Friday from 9am - 4.30pm and on the third Saturday of each month from 9am - 1pm. Records must be pre-ordered. Phone 3249 4226.

2007 QHTA AGM was held on 1 March 2007 at the State Library. Click here to see a list of the 2007 [Executive](#).

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