



## Queensland History Teachers Association

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## Online Newsletter May 2006

### Have you registered for the State Conference?

CONTESTING HISTORIES - NEW OPPORTUNITIES?

24 June 2006  
8.15AM - 3.30PM

St Joseph's College  
Gregory Terrace, Brisbane

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

### Simpson Prize Topic 2006-2007 ...

**Simpson Prize 2007 - A national competition for Year 9 and 10 students.** Eight students, one from each state and territory, accompanied by two teachers are flown to Gallipoli or the Western Front to attend the dawn service and other Anzac Day ceremonies in 2007.

Watch for details at  
<http://www.afsffe.asn.au/index.htm>



### National History Challenge 2006

The topic for the National History Challenge this year is "Turning Point". Register at <http://www.historychallenge.com.au>. This is a research based competition for students from Year 5 to 12. Entries are due by 21 July 2006 for website entries and 28 July 2006 for all other entries. State judging will be completed by late August 2006.

The National Archives of Australia is sponsoring the "Using Primary Sources" section. They have developed a website to help with this category: <http://www.naa.gov.au/education/challenge.html> The website explains primary sources and links to digitised images of many documents. The Brisbane office will be holding two demonstrations of the website for teachers on 24 & 25 May 2006 at 5pm.



### What's on ...

#### May 2006 - QHTA Modern History Student Seminars

**South Coast:** Thursday, 4 May 2006; **Brisbane:** Wednesday, 10 May & Thursday, 11 May 2006; **Sunshine Coast:** Wednesday, 17 May 2006. See <http://www.qhta.com.au> for application forms.

**6 May 2006 - Annual Ancient History Day, Abel Smith Lecture Theatre.**

**University of Queensland.** The theme this year will be "Disasters in the Ancient World". The key-note speaker on the day will be Dr Colin Hope of Monash University who excavates at Dakhleh Oasis, Egypt. Full details at <http://www.uq.edu.au/hprc/index.html> > School Activities > Classics & Ancient History Activities > Friends of Antiquity > Coming Events/Classics

**26 May 2006 - Anzac Day School Awards.** Awarded annually to give students the opportunity to develop new and creative ways of commemorating Anzac Day. Students are encouraged to observe tradition and include veterans in their activities. For more information go to

[http://www.dva.gov.au/commem/commac/studies/studies\\_adaycomp.htm](http://www.dva.gov.au/commem/commac/studies/studies_adaycomp.htm)

#### **24 June 2006 - QHTA State Conference**

Opening panel session - response to the Prime Minister's Australia Day address on the teaching of Australian history - as well as a wide range of workshops - a can't miss event. See <http://qhta.com.au/forteachers.htm> for more information.

**21 July & 28 July 2006 - Final dates for submitting National History Challenge entries.** The topic for 2006 is "Turning Points" which should give students a very broad scope in exploring some aspect of Australian History. More details at <http://www.historychallenge.com.au>

**31 July 2006 - Values Education Conference,** Mercure Hotel, Townsville. To have your name placed on a waiting list contact Rosalie Shawcross on 07 32370489 or [rosalie.shawcross@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:rosalie.shawcross@qed.qld.gov.au)

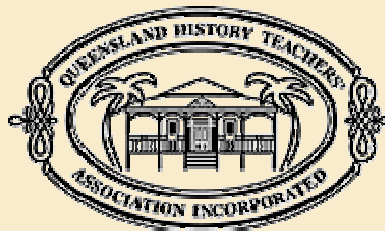
**5-8 October 2006 - HTAA National Conference 2006 - "Pushing the Boundaries"**, University of Notre Dame, Fremantle campus, Perth. See <http://www.qhta.com.au/forteachers.htm> for registration form.

**15 December 2006 - Final date for submitting Simpson Prize entries.** See <http://www.afssoe.asn.au/index.htm> for more information.

### **Other competitions for students ...**

#### **2006 QHTA Historical Writing Competition**

Submissions are invited for this 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 22 September 2006

### **Recent news articles of interest ...**

**China launches morals campaign** - <http://www.theage.com.au/news/world/china-launches-morals-campaign/2006/03/26/1143330923868.html>

**Blair calls for battle of values** - <http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/blair-calls-for-battle-of-values/2006/03/27/1143330968106.html>

**Teaching manners and fair play are key to making pupils behave** - <http://education.independent.co.uk/news/article347151.ece>

**Global Education News - April 2006.** Read it online at <http://www.globaleducation.edna.edu.au/news>

### **Have you seen these new resources...**

**The following resources have reviews in the March 2006 edition of the QHTA's journal, the *History Teacher***

Australian History Mysteries 2 kit, National Museum of Australia & Ryebuck Media. More information at <http://www.ryebuck.com.au> ; Hamper, David, *A United World? - The United Nations and International Agreement* ; Maureen Anderson, Ian Keese and Ann Lowe, *Retroactive 1 - Stage 4: World History - Second Edition*. John

Wiley & Sons, 2005 ; Denis Young, Jo Marveggio and Maggy Saldais, *Jacaranda: SOSE History Worksheets for Multiple Intelligences*, John Wiley & Sons, 2005 ; Bain Attwood, *Telling the Truth about Aboriginal Australia*, Allen & Unwin, 2005

#### **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>

**National Archives - Vrroom beta is live.** To access information go to <http://Vrroom.naa.gov.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. See <http://www.thelearningfederation.edu.au>

### **Other matters...**

Australia is the only western country without a **national human rights act** or equivalent. *New Matilda* has launched a campaign in response to growing concern in the community about the inability of the law to protect fundamental rights like freedom of speech, right to a fair trial, freedom of association, and freedom from detention without trial. For teaching resource material see <http://www.humanrightsact.com.au> or contact [nicholas.carney@newmatilda.com](mailto:nicholas.carney@newmatilda.com)

The **2006 Queensland - Smithsonian Fellowship Program** has extended the closing date for applications until 16 June 2006. The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum complex and research organisation and offers opportunities for Fellows to undertake research projects in areas including history. Details about the Fellowship Program, including the guidelines and application form, can be found at <http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/awardsevents>

The **2006 CensusAtSchool program** is offering professional development designed to support teachers in implementing CensusAtSchool data in the classroom. Students complete an online questionnaire with questions about themselves and of interest to themselves. Students will then have access to raw test data to use as a resource in answering questions of interest to them. Sessions aim to give teachers confidence in using MS Excel with the CensusAtSchool data. Phone 1800623273 or email [censusatschool@abs.gov.au](mailto:censusatschool@abs.gov.au)

It is important that all members of the education community familiarise themselves with the new **Queensland College of Teachers**. Further information is available at <http://www.qct.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 - Professional Digest - All this and much, much more at <http://www.hyperhistory.org>

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