

# STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND

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# Who's Your Mob?

Developing a program for demystifying  
the Australian (Queensland) First  
Nations family history journey

# Acknowledgement Of Country

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I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we gather today. I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

I also recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the custodians of stories for millennia. We are inspired by that tradition in our work at State Library to share and preserve Queensland's memory.



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# State Library of Queensland

- The leading reference and research library in Queensland
- Collects and preserves Queensland's cultural and documentary heritage
- Provides statewide services and partners with local governments operating more than 320 public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres across Queensland
- Family history research is a key area of interest for clients from across Queensland



# Queensland

- Second largest state in Australia, covering 715 thousand square miles
- Third most populous state in Australia with just over 5.3 million people along the coast and south-east corner
- Australia's second largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population

Glenn R. Cooke Souvenir Textiles  
Collection, John Oxley Library, State  
Library of Queensland



Who's Your Mob?





# Deadly Digital

COMMUNITIES

Dream big with State Library of Queensland and Telstra  
in partnership with Indigenous Knowledge Centres and local councils.



## Deadly Digital Communities Telstra

- State Library have partnered with Telstra to deliver the Deadly Digital Communities project since 2017
- Key focus is increasing digital skills, confidence and inclusion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in rural and regional areas of Queensland

# Who's Your Mob

- A program of face-to-face workshops and online resources aimed at simplifying and demystifying the process of family history for First Nations peoples in Queensland, Australia
- The program introduces the collections and resources of State Library of Queensland to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and outlines their usefulness in family history research.

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# Places we travelled for

## Who's Your Mob?

- Mt Isa
- Townsville
- Cairns
- Cherbourg
- St George
- Mareeba
- Gladstone



**“[The most useful part of today’s session was] learning the different ways to explore my family history.”**

Mount Isa Who’s Your Mob? workshop participant

**“The presenter was very  
informative and I loved the  
session. It made me think  
more about my family  
history”**

Townsville Who's Your Mob? workshop participant



Who's Your Mob? online

# Online resources

## Information guides

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# Who's Your Mob?

First Nations Family History

Tracing your First Nations family history and don't know where to start? Discover key resources for family history research.

[The material displayed contains Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content and has been made available in accordance with State Library of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collections Commitment.](#)

## Video guides

Discovering your family history can be challenging, especially when researching First Nations ancestry. Kickstart your First Nations family history research with State Library's *Who's Your Mob?* video guides.

The *Who's Your Mob* video guides were developed with the support of Telstra and the [Deadly Digital Communities](#) initiative, helping to develop digital skills through exploring family history.









# Essential considerations

- Ensured a First Nations company helped develop the resources
- Ensured language used was appropriate and culturally sensitive
- Made no assumptions about previous knowledge or understanding
- Provided links to external organisations as well as internal
- Sought feedback and consulted with First Nations colleagues and stakeholders at every stage
- Focused on online resources available to communities across the state
- Ensured material is timeless – references to web addresses and content that may change in the future

# **Who's Your Mob into 2024 and beyond**

- Continue promotion of the online resources via social media, stakeholders and local interest groups around the state and across Australia.
- Delivery to Indigenous Knowledge Centres

# Thank you



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Access the Who's Your Mob videos and resources  
at [https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/collections/family-  
history/whos-your-mob](https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/collections/family-history/whos-your-mob)  
or scan the QR Code!





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