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## History Matters – a message from your President

It is that time of the year again – membership renewal. It has been another busy year and there are still a range of issues that need to be addressed. I hope that you will rejoin the History Council and work with us to ensure that our history and heritage are taken into consideration and preserved for future generations.

The Battye Library collections are a priceless resource that is crucial to our understanding of Western Australia's past. The History Council members and affiliated bodies became concerned with changes to the structure and services provided by the Battye as long ago as 2006. The 2008 Survey of Users confirmed a number of areas of concern. Since that time we have written to and met with the State Librarian and have been assured that our concerns about staffing, service at the desk, access to resources such as computers for catalogue searches and general working conditions are all being addressed.

We look forward to the opening of the new Third Floor Researcher's Room and will carefully monitor this and other promised changes over the next few months. [For further information please see page 2 of this newsletter.] I urge you all to complete the feedback forms provided at the Library and contact us should you have comments to offer.

We note with sadness the death, after a long battle with cancer, of distinguished historian and fighter for the rights of women in academia, Dr Trish Crawford. Sincere condolences to her family and many friends and colleagues.

It is also a time for congratulations and celebration. One of our long time Committee stalwarts, Ruth Marchant James, has been awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours. Also receiving an award is former committee member, Lennie McCall, who was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Sue Graham-Taylor

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**HISTORY COUNCIL OF WA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday 13 September 2009 at 11am  
Upstairs\* at the Albion Hotel, 535 Stirling Highway, Cottesloe 6011**

The upper floor of the Albion Hotel in Cottesloe is to be the venue for this year's AGM, following on from the successful "History in the Pub" event in January. There is plenty of parking at the hotel, in the nearby streets, or in the Grove Shopping Centre across the road from the pub. The hotel is accessible by bus from Stirling Highway or the nearby Cottesloe train station. [<http://www.whitepages.com.au/wp/li/albion-hotel--cottesloe-wa-W00W.html>]

**\*Please note the room upstairs is accessible by a stair case only – there is no lift access.**

The AGM will commence at approximately 11.15am. Members are invited to arrive at 11am in order to register, collect their AGM papers, enjoy a tea or a coffee and meet other History Council members before the meeting starts. As the pub is closed to the public until midday, please enter via the back entrance off Station Street.

After the AGM business there will be time to purchase a drink from the bar downstairs before an address by historian, Ed Jaggard on *Beyond the Flags: Surf Lifesaving and History*.

Australia's surf lifesaving movement celebrated its centenary in 2007 and this year is the centenary of our first club, Cottesloe. *Between the Flags*, and several previously published books and articles, have gone beyond the story of a well known volunteer organisation. They raise questions about the role of women in twentieth century Australian society, sporting relations with South Africa, the origins of surfing, racist attitudes, and the nature of historical evidence as exemplified by the widely publicised "first club" debate. The talk will therefore focus upon surf lifesaving's historical significance.

A flyer and nomination forms for the AGM will be sent out to the membership in July.

Discount lunch tickets at the Albion Hotel for History Council members only for use on that day only will be available at the registration desk before the AGM meeting commences. Bookings for lunch are essential. It would also be helpful to know how many of our members wish to attend the AGM address, as we would like to promote the talk to the general public. Members are requested to fill in the following form and return by post or email (or drop it at the front desk of the Constitution Centre in West Perth).

*Julia Wallis*  
Executive Officer



**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO**  
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[Name] .....

(please tick) will attend the History Council AGM meeting and address

(please tick) wish to book lunch at the Albion Hotel, Cottesloe on 13 September 2009

I will be accompanied by: [Name] .....

History Council member    Yes  (please tick)

No  (please tick)

**History in the Pub – Advance notice**

**We will be hosting another of our very popular History in the Pub sessions at the end of July.  
Details will be emailed to members soon.**

## Vale Patricia (Trish) Crawford

Patricia Crawford was one of Australia's most distinguished and highly respected historians. Her teaching and research career at the University of Western Australia spanned 45 years (1964-2009), during which she became not only an internationally distinguished scholar of the early modern period in England, but also an invaluable contributor to Australian (particularly West Australian) historiography, and an indefatigable advocate for feminism and equality both within and beyond the academic community.

Born in North Sydney on January 31, 1941 to Enid Marcia Clarke and William James Clarke, Trish's early life was marked by the absences of her father who worked for the British India Company before becoming a partner in a marine surveying firm in the later 1940s. The family, including Trish's younger brother Peter (1947-1965), moved to Melbourne in 1948. Here, Trish became a student at Methodist Ladies' College and was both an avid reader and enthusiastic Girl Guide. Enrolling at the University of Melbourne in 1958, she gained a BA (Hons) in 1961. In 1959, Trish met her future husband Ian Crawford at a History conference in Healesville, and the two married in Melbourne in 1962, and then departed to live and work in Perth. Trish and Ian welcomed their son Rupert to the family in 1970.

In the 1960s and 70s, her life was characterised by a combination of intensive research, part-time teaching, and travel, both to the UK (where she began her long, passionate, critical engagement with the archival sources of early-modern England), and around Western Australia, especially, with Ian, in the Kimberley region. These journeys sparked Trish's profound appreciation for the Australian environment, and for the history of Australia's people. In 1978, she and Ian bought a much-loved 100-acre block south of Northcliffe, and subsequently produced, together, a vivid historical evocation of the area in their 2003 book, *Contested Country*.

Trish's research, whether in Western Australian or Early Modern English history, was always marked by three outstanding qualities. Firstly, she maintained an intense engagement with the ordinary lives of people in the past. Her quest to know past lives in all their variety and complexity led her to pioneer research into fields which, in the 1970s and '80s, were often thought by mainstream academia to be marginal or unimportant, such as the life experiences of early modern women and children, or the gender-disadvantages built into academia itself at the time she joined it.

Secondly, her research was always of the highest quality - theoretically sophisticated, and the product of enormously wide reading in the archives and literature of whatever period and place she studied.

Yet, thirdly, it was always accessible. She and Ian involved the Northcliffe community in planning and writing *Contested Country*. All her work was infused with an enthusiasm and directness that kept readers turning the pages eagerly. It is not too much to say that she helped to revolutionise her field of study.

Trish became a Nuffield Fellow in the United Kingdom in 1974-5 after gaining a permanent lectureship in History at UWA. She was promoted to become a Professor in 1995. Her scholarly standing was recognised in her election to become a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in Britain, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. After her retirement in 2005, Trish Crawford continued as an active researcher and supervisor as a Senior Honorary Research Fellow at the University.

Within UWA, Trish supervised and mentored many brilliant and successful postgraduates and junior colleagues, and had a distinguished history of public service and action in respect of women's position. She was a foundation member of the Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee and Status of Women Group. Her efforts as teacher, friend, mentor and advocate were recognised by the University with the award of the Chancellor's Medal in 2007.

Patricia Crawford's publications were extensive, with research interests focused especially on the histories of families, citizenship, gender in early modern England. To her, history really mattered; to research (or, conversely, to overlook) fields such as the relationships of poor parents and their children in pre-modern England, or the long histories of women's citizenship in Australia could have profound political and social implications. She was widely recognised by her peers as a foremost international contributor to her fields, and was renowned nationally and internationally for her exceptional intellectual generosity to students and colleagues alike.

A passionate historian and environmentalist, Trish Crawford died in Perth on April 28 2009. She was much loved and will be keenly missed by all her colleagues worldwide, her friends at UWA, her husband Ian and son Rupert, his partner Mandy, and their boys, Michael and Xavier.

### Philippa Maddern

(with acknowledgement to the obituary written by Jane Long and Philippa Maddern which was published in the *West Australian* on Tuesday 26 May 2009.)

### **Trish (Patricia) Crawford**

BA (Hons) Melb; MA, Ph.D. UWA, Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Chancellor's Medal recipient (2007)

To honour Trish and to set up an appropriate and lasting memorial in accordance with the wishes of her family, we are establishing the Trish (Patricia) Crawford Memorial Fund in The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at The University of Western Australia. The aim of this fund is to provide support for the research of an outstanding postgraduate, postdoctoral staff member or Early Career Researcher in history.

You are invited to donate to the Trish Crawford Fund. All contributions over \$2 are tax deductible. A donation form is attached. Please print, complete and return to The Office of Development, The University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, WS 6009, Australia or fax to (61) 8 6488 1063.

Donations can be made on line: <http://msc.uwa.edu.au/ood/secure?section=chekkout>. Please call Cheryl Mariner on (61) 8 6488 1688 or 0438 920 641 if you wish to discuss any aspect of the fund.

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### **John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library**

New JCPML Patron, the Hon. Paul Keating, is to present the Anniversary Lecture on 2 July 2009.

#### ***The moral compass in the age of entitlement***

**Due to overwhelming demand, RSVPs for this event are now closed.**

The transcript, audio, video and podcast recordings of the lecture will be available shortly after the lecture.

[From JCPML website <http://john.curtin.edu.au>]

### **Important notice - Membership renewals – if paying online**

**If you are sending your payment by direct debit can you please ensure you put your full name and HC Membership 2009-10 on the payment details. Our records show a payment made on 3 June. If you think this is you, please supply details so our Treasurer can reconcile the accounts.**

Julia Wallis  
Executive Officer.

### **Battye Library Survey**

Last year a group convened by the History Council of WA which represented a broad range of history organisations, conducted a survey of Battye Library users. The survey was also supported by the State Library and attracted responses from a range of clients, but almost 90% identified themselves as long term users of the Battye Library.

In general the comments were positive, and it is clear that there is loyal support for the Battye Library and its staff, but there were some items of concern that the CEO and State Librarian, Margaret Allen, agreed to consider. Survey respondents were also apprehensive that the name 'J S Battye Library of West Australian History' or its shortened form 'Battye Library', would under the Library restructure, eventually disappear.

The State Library has addressed some of the key issues and the following assurances were made by Susan Ashcroft, Director Client Services, and Sarah Brown, Battye Historian.

1. It is anticipated that problems with research access in the Battye Library's reading room, and concerns about security of materials on the fourth floor will be alleviated with the opening of the new Researchers' Room at the end of this month.
2. Training and assistance for reference desk staff has concentrated on building up knowledge of the Battye collections.

In addition, the CEO, in a letter written to Sue Graham-Taylor, President of the History Council, dated 15 May 2009, stated.

".. the Battye Library is and will remain a central part of the State Library of Western Australia. I would further like to reassure you that there is no intention to change the name of the Battye Library and in any instances where the name has been removed from the catalogue or web site, it has been done so in line with the library's systemised approach to naming conventions. The State Library is dedicated to maintaining the Battye Library as the world's most comprehensive and diverse repository of Western Australian materials."

Sue responded to this letter on 9 June.

"We acknowledge that some of the issues are being addressed or about to be addressed and thank you for your attention to our concerns. In particular, we look forward to the opening of the new Researcher's Centre in the Battye Library and the introduction of more easily accessible computers for catalogue searches.

Over the next three months or so we will continue to monitor the situation on behalf of our membership and get back to you should we have further concerns."

The History Council welcomes comments from members about the new initiatives to address concerns about the Battye Library and its services to researchers.

[Part of this report was published in the Friends of Battye Library June Newsletter.]

## **Your membership is vital – letter from the President of the History Council of WA.**

Dear Friends

As the peak body representing history in Western Australia, we need and value your membership. We hope that you will continue your membership and assist us in ensuring that history and heritage remains at the heart of community life in Western Australia.

In these times of economic uncertainty, it is even more important that we speak with one voice on behalf of history and make our views known. In the past year we have responded to many issues that affect the practice of history in Western Australia. We have worked hard to encourage and strengthen the recognition of history in policy and in practice within the activities of government, business and the general community. We have continued to publicly advocate the urgent need for a new archives repository and for increased funding for archives, libraries and museums.

We have provided input to heritage assessment processes, argued for a cultural and historical perspective in Government and industry development proposals and worked to ensure that history is an important and well taught subject in the school curriculum. The Indigenous History sub committee is working to ensure that indigenous history and indigenous perspectives of history are promoted in both history circles and the wider community.

We held a number of successful events this year. History in the Pub is continuing to be an effective way to engage the community with history and we held two successful events. The first was held in October 2008 with Wes Olsen speaking on *HMAS Sydney*, the other in January 2009 at the Albion Hotel, with Ruth Marchant James speaking about the history of Cottesloe. Our next such event will be held in July 2009 and you will receive further details shortly. Our end of Year function in December 2008 was held on the balcony of the National Trust's Headquarters and it was good to see many of you there for a relaxing evening which saw Jenny Gregory outlining the Trust's plans for their Golden Jubilee this year.

This year has seen a great deal of involvement with the issue of the National History Curriculum. As peak history body in the State we organized and coordinated two forums of stakeholders interested in the National History Curriculum. The second in February 2009 involved a wide range of interested groups – primary and secondary school teachers from both independent and government schools, University academics in history, education and indigenous studies and professional historians with Professor Stuart Macintyre presenting and answering questions. As a result of this consultation, the Council prepared a submission on the National History Curriculum Framing Paper. We will remain involved with this important issue throughout the process of Syllabus development.

We will continue to keep you up to date with our newsletters and regular email updates informing you of current issues and events and we welcome your involvement in any of our activities. In particular, we look forward to your ongoing membership to ensure that we strengthen the voice of the History Council in Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

Dr Sue Graham Taylor

### **Northbridge History Studies Day 24 May 2009**

Once again Northbridge's multiple histories came to life at the third annual Northbridge History Studies Day held at Central TAFE on 24 May 2009. This Studies Day was co-badged with the History Council and many thanks go to President Dr Sue Graham-Taylor who volunteered to be tape hanger, lift guard and roving microphone holder. The lively question and answer sessions ensured plenty of running up and down the stairs!

The event was sold out with 180 registrants and the attendees were a broad mix of historians, researchers, academics, councillors, urban policy makers, religious leaders, business owners and residents of Northbridge. Yet they all shared one thing – a passion about the area we now know as Northbridge and a desire to learn something more about what makes it such a special and unique place.

Six academic and six community presenters shared their significant knowledge about the area. Although twelve presenters sounds like overload, a 15-minute panel discussion after each of the four sessions enabled the audience to ask questions of the presenters. The questions and answers were lively and engaging, reflecting common interests in the area and connecting the past with future activities. Each panel discussion was followed by a break and a delicious, vegetarian lunch complemented by morning and afternoon teas allowed plenty of time for collegiate interaction. Thought-provoking and lively debates continued into the breaks between sessions.

To kick off the Official Proceedings, Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi Officially opened the day with an insightful speech that highlighted her passion for the area and the many facets of Northbridge's past that make it a fascinating area

for future interpretation. Her concluding statements urged us to look to the past in order to create a future that is meaningful, authentic and sustainable.

Adjunct Professor Richard Walley performed a Welcome to Country and followed this with an enlightening talk about the way in which we are all connected to the land.

Diana Warnock, the keynote speaker, then entertained the audience with her lively recollections of coming to the City and being enthralled by Northbridge, with its bohemian character and touch of the 'exotic'.

As Ross McCallum was unable to present his paper through ill health, the MC Dr Felicity Morel-EdnieBrown read his proposal about the history of film and presence in Northbridge. Ross's paper will be delivered in 2010.

Dr Lise Summers delivered a fascinating paper based on her doctoral research into public open space in the City of Perth. She considered the historical context surrounding the development of parks in Northbridge and their role as a 'civilizing influence'. She linked this to the modern view of parks and gardens as the 'lungs' of a city.

This was followed by Alan Lloyd, author of 'Alan's Eye: a personal journey through Northbridge'. He talked to the audience of his own journey in creating the book over the past seven years and the discoveries he made along the way. He concluded by reflecting that the highlight of his many walks around Northbridge were the many different smells, sounds and tastes in the area, reflective of its incredible cultural diversity.

During the lunch break co-editors Dr John Yiannakis and Dr Felicity Morel-EdnieBrown launched the volume of selected papers from the Northbridge Studies Days in 2007 and 2008. The papers have been developed further to form full chapters and contextualize Northbridge even more strongly in Western Australia's growth into the diverse, polyglot society it is today. In a limited edition, get yours from [history@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:history@dpc.wa.gov.au).

After lunch, Zarlisht Sarwari delivered the paper prepared by Professor Samina Yasmeen on the preliminary findings of the research project into the Bux Family, who arrived in Western Australia in 1881. The paper traced the history of the family and their ongoing connection to their Muslim heritage.

Barry Strickland delivered a lively presentation arguing that while Northbridge has been considered 'the wrong side of the tracks', the diverse cultural activities carried out in its both private and public places make it the 'best' side of the tracks.

Adjunct Professor Ian Ker followed with his presentation on transport in Northbridge. He used as his opening slide the image that appears on cover of the Northbridge Studies Day Papers 2007/2008 and argued that this quintessential image of Beaufort Street bridge showed all the key elements of transport in Northbridge: pedestrians; cyclists; trolley buses; trams; cars and even an ambulance.

Gina Pickering delivered the paper developed by Jo Darbyshire to discuss the connection between the Gay and Lesbian community and Northbridge. This paper argued that while Northbridge has been a crucial home for Gay and Lesbian people, they too have been crucial for Northbridge and have added much to the colour and flavour of the area.

Tanya Newport-Edwards took the audience back to life in Northbridge in 1942, as Japan launched aerial attacks down the coast of Western Australia. She argued that Northbridge became a unique space which housed many facets of the war including the military centre; the police Complex; factories; entertainment venues; brothels and residents.

Dr Elaine Dowd concluded the programme with a history of prostitution in Northbridge and the changing relationship between prostitutes; their clients; the police; and local residents.

The 2009 Studies Day was a highly enjoyable day and each of the panel sessions created the opportunity for lively discussions about the issues raised in the presentations. The papers will be available on the website at the end of June. The final Studies Day will be held in 2010 and registrations of interested can be emailed to [history@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:history@dpc.wa.gov.au).

Tanya Newport, Project Coordinator, Northbridge History Project

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## **Museum Week 2009**

From Roebourne to Ravensthorpe, and all points in between, galleries and museums across WA put on an exciting program of events for the 2009 Museums Week held from May 16 – 24. A record number of participating museums and agencies contributing to a varied and interesting program of events with over 37 participating sites and over 50 events and exhibitions. From workshops to launches, displays, debates, guest speakers and open days, the Western Australian public was treated to a real pot pourri of events, all aimed at showcasing the treasures of our great state and giving visitors a taste of the work being undertaken to ensure that our precious artefacts can be conserved for our children to enjoy and learn from for years to come.

Museums Australia (WA) would like to thank all who were part of this great week, both participants and visitors alike for your interest and support. Photos from a number of events will be featured on the Museums Australia WA website.

Some of the reports that have filtered through include the launch of the 13 Mile Cookbook at Cockman House, Woodvale and a Conservation Workshop led by the talented and very knowledgeable Paul Malone at the Melville Discovery Centre. Visitors to the Royal Western Australian Historical Society's Open Day on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May enjoyed a fascinating talk by textile artist and artist in residence, Wendy Lugg, on the construction of Waggas, a utilitarian blanket made from scrap material.

Subiaco Museum launched its DVD which documents the history of the Subiaco Markets and the Holmes A Court Gallery artist, Lesley Meaney, presented a lunchtime talk on Sunday 24 May. Also on Sunday, Anzac Cottage, the historic memorial built in Mount Hawthorn to commemorate the landing at Gallipoli had an "Open House".

And in the country, King Cottage in Bunbury, continued its Pioneer Cottage Leisure and Pleasure Exhibition and the Boyanup Museum, which is currently closed for refurbishment, brought out a selection of artefacts to display at the Boyanup and Districts Farmers Market on Sunday, May 24.

And there were so many more events, all of which have helped to raise the profile of museums and to share the stories of Western Australia's built and natural heritage.

### **Great Debate**

In addition to the events there was a Cultural Debate on 21 May at the State Library. The theme for this year's International Museums Day was Museums and Tourism and the debate brought together some of WA's leading tourism and cultural experts. The Panel was made up of Kate Lamont, Chair of the Tourism Western Australia Board and a board member of the Committee for Perth; Veronica Jeffrey Director Portfolio for the East Perth Redevelopment Authority; Dr Diana Jones, Acting Director of the WA Museum; and Dr Stefano Carboni, Director Art Gallery of WA.

"This was a very lively debate" said Richard Offen, Chief Executive of Heritage Perth who was the MC for the evening. "Perth has an excellent cultural scene but still struggles with the tag of Dullesville. We hope that points made in this debate show us how we can use culture to shrug off this very negative image" Mr Offen said.

### **New Website**

Museums Australia developed a new web site for the event at [www.museumswa.com.au](http://www.museumswa.com.au) which will continue to be used to promote activates events and discussions throughout the sector. Already more than 70 members have registered and are posting their photos and events on the site, as well as starting and participating in a range of discussion groups on various subjects such as the most suitable material for display panels, and who's using hi-tech interpretation?

Jane King, Museums Australia WA

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## **Oral History Association of Australia (W.A. Branch) Inc. Beginner's Oral History Interviewing Workshop**

Saturday 8 August 2009

National Trust Headquarters, Old Observatory  
Havelock Street, West Perth

9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Cost \$88 (*includes Oral History Handbook and DVD*)

The Beginners course conducted by the Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch) provides the foundations for those wishing to set up an oral history project whether it be for a family history, a community history or for the purposes of a research project.

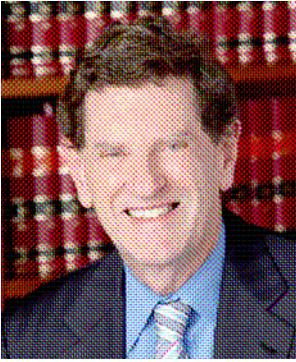
There are very clear guidelines that should be followed when conducting oral history interviews. The Beginners course covers the importance of ethical practice and informed consent when undertaking interviews. The nitty gritty of putting your project together is discussed including:

- setting up your project;
- ethics, defamation and the importance of clear guidelines and consent forms;
- setting up the interview;
- contacting the Interviewee;
- interview preparation and research;
- the interview process and what is involved;
- transcribing and finalising the interview.

Participants have the opportunity to conduct a practice interview in pairs and to discuss the interview experience. Where possible, practice is given on digital recording equipment. However, please note that this is a beginners' course and not a digital equipment workshop.

*Please note that the last course of the year will run on Saturday 14 November.*

**Further details from Doug Ayre - email: [history@westnet.com.au](mailto:history@westnet.com.au) Mobile 0430 405 633**



**UWA Historical Society**  
**Robert Shenton French**  
(Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia)  
***Halcyon Days: The Sixties at UWA***

6pm Friday 24 July 2009  
Winthrop Hall

Inaugural Annual Lecture of the UWA Historical Society in association with Convocation – The UWA Graduates Association.

**Free public lecture - All welcome.**

RSVP to [shobha.cameron@uwa.edu.au](mailto:shobha.cameron@uwa.edu.au) or 6488 3556.  
(Bar available from 5pm and after lecture.)

Chief Justice French founded the WA Aboriginal Legal Service, was the first president of the national Native Title Tribunal, WA Citizen of the Year 2009 and recipient of the Sir Charles Court Inspiring Leadership Award 2009. He served on almost every legal board of significance in Australia in his 21 years as a Judge of the Federal Court and is an authority on Australian native title and constitutional law.

The University will soon celebrate its Centenary and is proud to acknowledge the achievements of one of its most influential graduates at this significant moment in the University's history.  
Professor Reg Appleyard, President – UWA Historical Society.

**UWA Public Lecture Series**

Members may also be interested in these lectures:

- ***Memories of Dictatorship: Italy after 1945***, a workshop hosted by the History Discipline and the Institute of Advanced Studies, 3 July 2009, The University Club, Seminar Room 2. More Information is attached.
- ***Environment and History*** July-October 2009 at 6pm on Wednesday nights (see the link below) [http://www.ias.uwa.edu.au/nested\\_content/public\\_lectures\\_content/History09](http://www.ias.uwa.edu.au/nested_content/public_lectures_content/History09)
- ***International Year of Astronomy*** 2009 Public Lecture Series - July to November 2009 (see the link below) <http://www.ias.uwa.edu.au/lectures/IYA>



Jan Gothard and Jenny Gregory at the launch.  
(Photo courtesy Neville Green)

**Historic launch**

The *Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia*, edited by Jenny Gregory and Jan Gothard was launched by the Premier, Colin Barnett, at UWA on 24 June and is now available in Perth bookshops, including the State Library shop.

“It will become the outstanding reference for researchers, teachers, students and the general public throughout Australia enabling them to locate information about significant events, institutions, people and places, themes and topics in the history of Western Australia.

The editors are well known historians, each entry is written by an acknowledged expert in the field, and each entry is refereed. Many of the writers are members of local historical associations and other organisations.

The *Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia* has more than 300 contributors and through this collaboration has become the "People's Encyclopedia" – a gift to the people of Western Australia from the historians of Western Australia.”

[Quoted from UWA Press website: <http://www.uwap.uwa.edu.au/books/history/encyclopedia-wa>]

## Members' News

We are delighted to announce that two of our members have been honoured by appointments to the Order of Australia in recognition of their outstanding achievement and service to the community.

### **Lennie McCall AM**

Lennie has been awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the preservation and promotion of history through state and national organisations, and to librarianship.

Her professional career as a librarian began as a young cadet in 1956 and at her retirement in 1998, she was the Director of the J S Battye Library of West Australian History. As one of Western Australia's pre-eminent librarians she has been instrumental in shaping policy and practice for the State Library and the Battye Library. As Director of the Battye Library Lennie was responsible for lifting its profile and attracting donations of valuable and unique Western Australian materials. She is also a strong advocate for the development of library and information services for Indigenous people and communities.

Lennie had been a key member of the History Council since its formation. She has been a leading light of the Friends of Battye Library and was one of the driving forces behind the successful Historical Records Rescue Consortium. She is also Chairman of Council for the Royal Western Australian Historical Society. Gracious and charming, with a keen sense of humour, Lennie is indefatigable in her commitment to collecting and preserving Western Australia's history.

### **Ruth Marchant James OAM**

Ruth has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through the documentation of the history of Western Australia. She is a celebrated author, historian and leading authority on Western Australian history, particularly, that of the foundation of the Swan River Colony and the early years of Western Australia. Her most recent book is *Cottesloe - a town of distinction* which won the Premier's award for History in 2008.

Ruth has been a Committee member of the History Council since the beginning and is always generous with her time and knowledge. One of her favourite sayings is, "If you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you're right." Even in her senior years, there is not much Ruth can't do. Her humour, energy, enthusiasm and zest for life are truly remarkable.

Our warmest congratulations to both Lennie and Ruth on their well-deserved honours.

Jennie Carter

[Article adapted from that published in the Friends of Battye Library June Newsletter.]

### **Isla Macphail wins the 2009 Margaret Medcalf Award**

The State Records Commission established the Margaret Medcalf Award in 2003 for excellence in research and referencing utilizing original sources held in the State archives collection. This annual Award honours Miss Margaret Medcalf, the second State Archivist for Western Australia (1971-1989), for her valuable contribution to the development of archives in Western Australia.

The judging panel this year consisted of Dr Jean Chetkovich, from the Centre for Western Australian History at the University of WA, Ms Justine McDermott, State Records Commissioner, and Ms Cathrin Cassarchis, Director of State Records.

Ms Isla Macphail is this year's winner of the Award for her book, *Highest Privilege and Bounden Duty: A study of Western Australian parliamentary elections 1829-1901*. Commissioned by the Western Australian Electoral Commission, the book was researched and written to celebrate 100 years of the Electoral Act 1907.

At a special ceremony held on 20 May, Ms McDermott assisted Miss Medcalf with the presentation of a prize of \$1,000 to Isla Macphail.

### **Mary Ann Jebb**

A special certificate of commendation was also awarded to the book *Mowanjum: 50 years community history*, compiled and edited by Mary Anne Jebb, [also a member of the History Council] and published by Mowanjum Aboriginal Community and Mowanjum Artists, Spirit of the Wandjina Aboriginal Corporation.

[Article supplied by the State Records Office and adapted from the Friends of Battye Library June Newsletter.]

### **Bill Bunbury, "doyen of oral history", honoured.**

Murdoch University has awarded an Honorary Doctorate to the "doyen of oral history," Adjunct Professor Bill Bunbury. [Bill is also a member of the History Council]

Adjunct Professor Bunbury received an Honorary Doctorate of Literature on 24 March 2009 at the Murdoch graduation ceremony at the Perth Exhibition Convention Centre in front of several hundred graduating students.

He has had a long and stellar career of nearly 40 years in broadcasting and joined the ABC in 1969 after working as an English teacher at Guildford Grammar School. Initially Adjunct Professor Bunbury started out in television but was best known for his later work as producer for Radio National programs Hindsight and Encounter.

These documentaries played a valuable role in the preservation of Australia's social history through recorded interviews with everyday Australians.

In his speech, Adjunct Professor Bunbury said he was honoured and appreciative of the honour – especially as he had, for most of his working life, been surprised at being paid to do work he might have done for nothing. "But don't tell the ABC, they might want a refund," Adjunct Professor Bunbury joked.

The former Murdoch University Adjunct Professor in Media, and Communications, and History said making oral history-based radio documentaries had been a lifelong learning for him. "The critics of oral history say it is too subjective," he said. "Of course it is – everyone has different memories and different perspectives of any event. "In a documentary one can hear many voices and thus a broad spectrum of views. "The listener can thus appreciate the complexity of any story – nobody sees things in quite the same way as another – and hearing new perspectives can only enrich our understanding of any issues."

Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton said Adjunct Professor Bunbury had set the highest standards for the practice of oral history and the Honorary Doctorate recognised and honoured his work. "He is widely recognised as the doyen of oral history in Australia," Emeritus Professor Bolton said. "He has conducted hundreds of interviews with Australians from all walks of life and this has resulted in the preservation of many stories that would otherwise have been lost."

Vice Chancellor Professor John Yovich congratulated Adjunct Professor Bunbury on behalf of Murdoch University and said the award was well deserved.

"Adjunct Professor Bunbury has made a tremendous contribution to his field and through his work at Murdoch has provided a wealth of knowledge to staff and students," Professor Yovich said.

The author of 11 books now lives in Margaret River with his wife Jenny who he said had always helped him proof read his books and provided valuable feedback and is also working on several books.

[Article reprinted from Murdoch University, news website <http://www.murdoch.edu.au>]

### **Meetings of the Committee**

*The Committee meeting held in May 2009 included the following business items:*

- Jane King, Executive Officer of Museums Australia, has been co-opted to take the place of former valued member Jean Chetkovich who recently resigned from the Council .
- Past committee member Bobby Oliver alerted Council that the Labour History Conference will be held this year between 8 and 10 July.
- Robert Mitchell informed the History Council re a speaker opportunity involving Ian Davidson from the National Trust of Scotland. Follow-up details are available for those interested.
- A letter has been sent to Mr Ben Wyatt MLA, Shadow Treasurer and Minister for Federal State Relations, Culture and Arts, suggesting a meeting with the History Council.
- President, Sue Graham-Taylor attended a workshop at the National Trust based on the development of a Heritage strategy and policy. The History Council has meanwhile set up a Heritage Working Party to address the current issues and to work on the policy and strategy.
- Mora Mulligan and Aileen Walsh continue to address the lack of having an indigenous representative on Council by seeking a second representative.
- Continuing efforts are being made to organise events to interest members. A Sundowner was held on 29 April at the UWA Club and another History in the Pub is presently being arranged.

Ruth Marchant James

## Websites of interest

### New Western Australian Website

#### Honouring Creative Women in Western Australia

A selection of women who have made a significant contribution to the Arts in WA

The project proposes to research and document in various forms those creative women who have made a significant contribution to the arts (in all its disciplines) in WA since colonisation up to the present day. The contribution of women to the arts in WA, and thus our rich cultural heritage, has been seriously under-acknowledged and is also in danger of being lost to future generations.

See <http://honouringcreativewomen.org.au/index.php>

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**The State Library of Victoria** now has all the Government Gazettes for Victoria on line and searchable 1836 -1997 and to current date: See <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au>

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**The National Library** has just released the first prototype of its new **Single Business Discovery Service** for comment by key stakeholders.

The service is available at <http://sbdsproto.nla.gov.au> and provides integrated access to over 42 million metadata and text resources from a range of the National Library's collaborative services and from elsewhere. For this initial version there are a range of data sources including: the Australian National Bibliographic Database <http://librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au> Australian Newspapers <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au>, Picture Australia <http://www.pictureaustralia.org>, Arrow Discovery Service <http://search.arrow.edu.au>, Pandora <http://pandora.nla.gov.au>. The new service will also provide the discovery interface for the People Australia <https://wiki.nla.gov.au/display/peau/Home> initiative. Additionally we have included some external sources of data such as OAIster <http://www.oaister.org>, Open Library <http://openlibrary.org>, the Internet Archive <http://www.archive.org> and the Library of Congress <http://www.loc.gov> tables of contents, publishers' descriptions and sample book chapters.

Prior to using this service it is worth noting that it is a work in progress and you'll find the About <http://sbdsproto.nla.gov.au/sbdp-ui/general/about> pages useful in determining what has been done to date and what we are still planning to do. We are keen for you to provide comment and feedback to further improve the offering. Feedback forms are available at the bottom of every page of the service for you to provide feedback about the prototype in general or a specific page. If you would like any further information about the project please visit the NLA Library Labs <https://wiki.nla.gov.au/display/LABS/Home> wiki. Basil Dewhurst | Manager, Resource Discovery Services | National Library of Australia p: +61 2 6262 1046 | f: +61 2 6273 1180 email:[bdewhurst@nla.gov.au](mailto:bdewhurst@nla.gov.au) website <http://www.nla.gov.au>

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### The World Digital Library

Supported by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and U.S. Library of Congress

Four years ago, U.S. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington proposed the establishment of an online forum that would allow libraries and museums across the globe to share valuable cultural and educational data with anyone who had access to the Internet. On April 21, UNESCO and the Library of Congress officially unveiled its \$60 million joint effort to do just that. With funding from sources including King Abdullah University in Saudi Arabia and the Carnegie Corporation in New York, more than two dozen institutions contributed content that covers nearly 200 countries. The result is the World Digital Library: a compendium of some 1,200 high-resolution digitized files that allows users to zoom in on ancient documents and archival photographs. The Library also contains a sophisticated search tool that allows users to browse by keywords, time period, place, type of item and the institution which contributed it. See <http://www.wdl.org>.

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### Imperial Views, Colonial Subjects: Victorian Periodicals and the Empire

Includes original engravings from Victorian era papers.

See <http://www.library.yale.edu/~mpowell/victorianper.html>

## News from the Battye Historian

### Researchers' Room

At the end of June the State Library of WA aims to open its relocated Researchers' Room which will enhance and enable improved service delivery and cater to the needs of all clients wanting access to rare materials and archives from the collections of the Battye Library. The relocated Researchers' Room will include five new computers and a new Canon Powershot G10 digital camera, complete with computer tethering software and copy stand.

The Researchers' room will further support and expand client use of rare books and archival collections, provide greater access to materials for research, and provide a space for those undertaking sustained research projects to work efficiently and securely. Clients will also have access to specialist reference staff five days a week at particular times during the day.

### Krantz and Sheldon collection

The State Library, in partnership with the Heritage Council, is working on a project proposal to preserve and digitise some of the Krantz and Sheldon Collection, which consists of a large number of plans and approximately 200 boxes of records donated to the State Library of WA by George Sheldon in 2002. The plans cover landmark buildings in Perth, government projects such as schools, hospital and state housing works, as well as many private buildings and apartment blocks. The records consist of letters, financial records, minutes and files relating to architectural projects, including architect instructions, building contracts, photographs and specifications. This is a wonderful partnership opportunity which will ensure that this important collection is preserved and readily accessible.

### Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP)

The Australian Joint Copying Project sought to microfilm important historical documents relating to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific housed in Britain. The State Library now offers a course on the AJCP which looks at the types of records available that might be of interest to family historians and explains how the collection is organised. The use of the AJCP handbooks and other indexes is also explained. Information from this new course will form the basis for a new information page on the State Library website. For anyone interested in the course please contact Tricia Fairweather on [tricia.fairweather@slwa.wa.gov.au](mailto:tricia.fairweather@slwa.wa.gov.au) or 08 9427 3395

Sarah Brown  
Battye Historian  
State Library of WA

## History in the news

Did you see these stories?

"Relocate or flatten: Fate of 90-year-old timer cottage in balance," *Stirling Times*, 21/04/09, p.3. Bond cottage's new owners wish to redevelop the site, and councillors must decide whether to spend \$100 000+ to save it.

"Historic Duke Street building on the market," *The West Australian*, 1/04/09, p.49. The heritage-listed 1901 building that currently houses Lauder & Howards Antiques and Gallery is up for sale, and might be made into apartments.

"The way we were," *The Sunday Times*, 29/03/09, p.32. A new book by Eddie Robless titled "The Streets of Perth: Past and Present" compares and contrasts today's Perth, Fremantle and Subiaco sites with those of the past.

"Child treasure to be museum's jewel in the crown," *The West Australian*, 27/03/09, p.13. Edith Cowan University has donated its collection of over 24 000 pieces from the now defunct Museum of Childhood to the WA Museum.

"Freo's heart beats strongly again," *The West Australian*, 27/03/09, p.12. After 3 years of restoration and \$2million of funds, Fremantle St Patrick's Basilica is back to glory. The church still conducted services in this time (workmen temporarily downed tools) including weddings.

"'Priceless' Roe papers fetch \$300,000" *The West Australian*, 22/06/09, p.5. A collection of 200 letters from WA's first surveyor-general, John Septimus Roe was sold at auction on 21 June. Sydney antiquarian book dealer, Anne McCormick, who outbid businessman Kerry Stokes for the collection, paid triple the estimated price. Ms McCormick said she would research the contents of the letters and consider publishing some of them before offering them for sale again." (Tiffany Fox)

Leith Robinson

## Publicise Your Organisation's Events

Is your organisation planning a seminar, conference or other special event likely to be of interest to History Council members?

Contact us through: [office@historycouncilwa.org.au](mailto:office@historycouncilwa.org.au) or write to: PO Box 1619, West Perth 6872

Deadline for next issue: 20<sup>TH</sup> August 2009

## State Records Office Lunchtime Seminar – 7 July

In recognition of **NAIDOC week**, Chris Owen, Historian/Research Manager at the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, assisted by Anthropologist, Annie Moloney-Muir, and Historian Denise Cook, will present the next State Records Office of WA Lunchtime Seminar.

The topic will be **Archives and the Noongar experience in the South West**. Noongar history, anthropology and oral history and how they relate and compare to the historical records in the State Records Office will be examined and discussed, and an upcoming UWA Press publication documenting a new perspective on Noongar history will also be discussed.

**Tuesday 7 July 2009 between 12.30 and 1.30 Great Southern Room, 4th Floor, State Library of WA.**

Attendees are encouraged to bring their sandwiches and drinks to the Seminars. Tea and Coffee are provided. Numbers are limited so please book your place by emailing [sro@sro.wa.gov.au](mailto:sro@sro.wa.gov.au) or phone 9427 3364

The State Records Officer sincerely thanks the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) for enabling this presentation.

SRO Lunchtime Seminars are designed to inform researchers about the State Records Office, its functions and the collections it houses and also about the research that is being carried out using the States' archives. It also provides researchers with an opportunity to meet fellow researchers, learn about members of staff, and provides a forum for questions and discussions in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Gerard Foley, Senior Archivist: State Records Office of WA  
ph: 08 9427 3364, fax: 08 9427 3368 email: [gerard.foley@sro.wa.gov.au](mailto:gerard.foley@sro.wa.gov.au)

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### Report on Seminar held 7 April 2009

#### “The King & I”’s Anna Leonowens’ time in our State

The second of this year’s State Records Office lunchtime events drew a large crowd eager to learn more about one of the world’s most famous Governesses, Anna Leonowens, the woman known to millions via the musical “The King and I”. However, she had romanticised her past, beginning with her post: She was the teacher of the royal children in Siam.

Senior staffer Gerard Foley reported how his research of WA’s archives revealed a time in her life she barely acknowledged – the 4 years she and her family lived in our state. Anna was born in India in 1831, of mixed parentage, and she married Thomas Leonowens, a British Army paymaster in 1849. They – together with Anna’s maternal uncle William Glasscott – travelled to WA in 1853 aboard the unreliable vessel *Alibi*. Anna gave birth to son Thomas during the journey (he unfortunately died in infancy). The ship took far longer than usual in its sailing, and almost wrecked off the northwest coast, when the Captain hit reefs near Ledger Point.

Gerard explained many India expatriates settled in Australia as links between the countries were strong. These included trade relationships, as well as many government staff and State Governors having lived there, and 60% of the Pensioner Guards had seen service in India. Some of the soldiers’ wives and other settlers’ servants were from India too.

Anna’s husband Thomas obtained work in the Commissariat, then later in the Post office. (The WA almanac of 1854 lists his pay as 100 pounds per annum), and he joined the Swan River Mechanics Institute. Anna intended to open a school, but became pregnant and daughter Avis Annie was born in 1854.

Next Thomas took on 2 roles at the Convict Depot of Lynton, north of Geraldton. He was the Commissariat Storekeeper, and also the clerk for the prominent citizen Burges. Thomas’ feisty nature caused conflict over many issues, including his employer’s idea of convicts working a hand-mill. In 1856 whilst the Leonowens were in Lynton Anna had son Louis, who is represented in the popular dramas. (Later an audience member asked why wasn’t the girl depicted, and Gerard answered that she had been sent to a boarding school in England).

In 1857 the Leonowens departed, and Thomas died in Penang in 1859. In 1862 Anna took on the job of instructor to King Mongkut’s children in Siam [Thailand], and remained until 1867. Whilst in that country she had befriended American missionaries, and later she lived in the USA, starting a school in New York. Afterwards she went to Canada, and eventually died in Nova Scotia.

Other non-fiction texts that indicate Anna’s residency include the 1979 WA Dictionary, the 2004 Oxford Dictionary of National Biography and the 2008 biography titled “Bombay Anna”, by Susan Morgan.

Leith Robinson

## Grants

The Western Australian History Foundation has now completed its May 2009 competitive grants round.

A panel of six experienced historians was convened to select the successful applicants. The Foundation is pleased to announce the following recipients of a grant:

- Kaylene Heard for the publication of a history of vessels which visited, or were resident in, WA 1829-1850.
- Julie Lunn on behalf of the Society for the Study of Labour History (Perth Br.) for concessional fellowships for the Society's 2009 conference registration and assistance with the publication of an issue of *Papers in Labour History* using conference presentations on Western Australian history.
- Odhran O'Brien for research travel and translation for a biography of Bishop Griver.
- Dawn Palm, on behalf of the Mount Lawley Society, for the digitizing of photographs for a pictorial history of the suburb of Mount Lawley.
- Murray Smallman, on behalf of St Mark's Anglican Parish, Bassendean, for assistance with the publication of a history of St Mark's Anglican Church 1909-2009

## History Council Notes

### Members' Events

The Royal WA Historical Society Inc  
RWAHS:

#### History In The City Program

Monthly talks arranged by the RWAHS Women's Auxiliary are held in the Conference Room, Citi-Place, Community Centre, Perth Railway Concourse.

Entry fee \$5.00.

#### Further Details on any of these events:

RWAHS. tel: 9386 3841

<http://www.histwest.git.com.au/index.htm>

### Friends of Battye Library

The meetings for the Friends of Battye Library for the rest of 2009 are:

14 July

8 September

24 November

These take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Alexander Library Building at 5.30pm for 6pm start. Please support WA's premier research library. All welcome. For information contact: [bevnjen@gmail.com](mailto:bevnjen@gmail.com) or [nickdrew@bigpond.com](mailto:nickdrew@bigpond.com).

### National Archives of Australia, Perth Office

384 Berwick Street,  
East Victoria Park, WA 6101.

Free parking at the door.

Ph: 9470 7500

Details are available on the website: [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au).

The Friends of NAA have an online newsletter. Subscribe to [friends@naa.gov.au](mailto:friends@naa.gov.au) for information about forthcoming events, exhibitions as well as interesting items in the NAA collections.

### Help us improve the History Council Newsletter

The newsletter is issued four times per year and provides you with information about History Council initiatives and happenings, forthcoming events and functions particularly those of our member organisations, as well as other items which may be of interest to the Western Australian history and heritage community.

We welcome feedback to enable us to know what you would like to see in your Council's newsletter. For instance is it too long? What topics would you like to see covered? What items could be cut, or what would you like to see included in future issues? Is the format easy to read? Are there too many illustrations, or not enough?

Please send your comments to the editor at [bevnjen@gmail.com](mailto:bevnjen@gmail.com) or by post to: The Executive Officer, History Council of WA, PO Box 1619, West Perth 6872. All correspondence will be confidential and there is a prize for the best comment / suggestion received before 30 September 2009.

### History Council Program

#### Newsletter publication dates 2009

20 September, & 4 December.

As the date of the AGM is 13 September 2009, the newsletter will be published afterwards so that details of the incoming committee can be included.

Deadline for copy will be the 10th of the previous month - 20 August and 10 November..

## Conferences and seminars

### **The Australian Society for the Study of Labour History, Eleventh National Conference** 8–10 July 2009 The State School Teachers Union of WA [Inc], 150–152 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, WA.

#### **Featuring**

##### **Key Note addresses by:**

- David Brody, Professor Emeritus of History, University of California. 'American Labor Law as a Model for Australia? or, Can You Get Here from There?'
- Ann Curthoys, ARC Professorial Fellow, University of Sydney, 'Remembering Paul Robeson's Visit to Australia, 1960'.

##### **Panel Discussion:**

- Work and Families. Keynote Speaker: Sharan Burrow, President, ACTU.

##### **Over 50 papers** by academics, activists and unionists on a wide range of topics including:

- Labour organisation
- Political movements
- Anti-labor
- Indigenous rights and workers
- Art and poetry
- Forced and indentured labour

**Conference Dinner** at the historic Midland Railway Workshops Powerhouse. Labour History walk around Fremantle.

**Cost:** Full conference: Waged \$350; unwaged \$220; 1 day: \$120; \$70.

Conference Dinner: \$80 (waged); \$65 (unwaged).

**Convenor:** Dr Bobbie Oliver, Department of Social Sciences, Curtin University of Technology, GPO BOX U1987, PERTH WA 6845. phone: +61 8 9266 3215. Fax: +61 8 9266 3166

Email: [bobbie.oliver@curtin.edu.au](mailto:bobbie.oliver@curtin.edu.au) Website: <http://www.asslh.org.au/perth>

### **Oral History Association of Australia (OHAA),**

#### ***Islands of Memory: Navigating Personal and Public History***

**17–20 September 2009 Launceston, Tasmania**

The Oral History Association of Australia (OHAA), with support from the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, the Launceston City Council and the University of Tasmania, will hold its 16th biennial conference in Launceston, Tasmania, 17–20 September 2009. The conference will bring together oral historians and those interested in oral history from around Australia and beyond. The conference theme is:

Sub-themes include:

- navigating truth and memory
- navigating through generations
- navigating new technologies

See <http://www.qvmag.tas.gov.au/oralhistoryconference>

### **Dragon Tails: Re-interpreting Chinese-Australian Heritage**

**9-11 October 2009, Sovereign Hill, Ballarat, Victoria**

Themes include Chinese goldseekers and their legacy, perspectives on heritage Chinese precincts, mapping historical connections between Asia and Australia and biographies and oral histories of Chinese-Australian 'pioneers'. The conference also addresses how these stories might be interpreted in the classroom, and at cultural heritage sites and museums, and attendees are expected from wide range of disciplines, including history, archaeology, tourism, cultural studies, education, and museum/heritage studies.

### **2nd UNESCO-ICCROM Asian Academy for Heritage Management Conference**

#### **Urban Heritage and Tourism: Challenges and Opportunities**

**1-3 December 2009 Heritage Studies Centre, Institute For Tourism Studies, Macao**

<http://www.ift.edu.mo/news/aahm2009/>.

## Conferences and seminars (continued)

### **'Indigenous Participation in Australian Economies: Perspectives from Anthropology, History and Material Culture Studies'**

**Monday 9 November – Tuesday 10 November 2009**

A Conference to be held at the National Museum of Australia, in association with the School of Archaeology and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, Australian National University.

Proposals for panels and papers are invited on the theme of Indigenous participation in Australian economies, from the perspectives of anthropology, history or material culture studies, or some combination of these perspectives. A linking theme will be the development of local 'hybrid economies' involving the articulation of Indigenous and settler social and economic forms, and the emergence of new complexes of transactions and relations. We hope to cover a broad variety of economies from whaling to CDEP, across the span of more than two centuries. Papers which consider the characteristics of the material culture of local economies, from saddles to art, and material evidence of Indigenous participation, such as photographs, will be welcome.

Panels so far proposed include:

- The transformation of relations and transactions within and around missions and stations.
- The role of sexuality in the intercultural economy in Australia.
- Transactions between fringe camps and towns.
- The period of transition from low wage/ no wage to CDEP.
- Stolen wages and the contemporary efforts to secure recompense

Please send abstracts of papers addressing one or more of the conference themes (these need not be attached to a panel at this stage, but will be assigned to panels later), and/or proposals for panels by email to [Natasha Fijn](#) or [Ian Keen](#) or by mail to:

IPAE Conference  
School of Archaeology and Anthropology  
Faculty of Arts  
Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 0200

The deadline for panel proposals is 31 July and the deadline for abstracts of papers is 31 August.

### **Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society Conference**

#### **Lands and Peoples in History and Law**

**11–13 December 2009 - Wellington**

The 28th annual conference of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society will meet in the historic Old Government Building, home to the Law School of Victoria University of Wellington, in Wellington, New Zealand, from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 December 2009. Stuart Banner (University of California Los Angeles) has kindly agreed to deliver the keynote address. Stuart is the author of a number of books, including *Possessing the Pacific: Land, Settlers, and Indigenous People from Australia to Alaska* (2007).

### **XVI. International Oral History Conference in Prague, Czech Republic**

**7 to 11 July 2010.**

Papers are invited from around the world for contributions to the XVIth International Oral History Conference hosted by the International Oral History Association in collaboration with the Czech Oral History Association and the Institute of Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic.

This year our attention will focus on finding and making meaning of the past and human identity through oral history. We encourage scholars all around the world and all those who have worked with oral history in a wide range of settings such as museums, heritage agencies, academic institutions, law courts, radio and television, performing arts and community projects to participate in XVI International Oral History Conference in Prague, Czech Republic. See <http://www.ioha2010prague.com>

Jennie Carter & Leith Robinson

## Some New Books

Bogle, Michael. *Convicts : Transportation & Australia* . Sydney : Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales, 2008.

Curthoys, Ann & McGrath, Ann (Eds). *Writing Histories: Imagination and Narration*. Melbourne, Monash University ePress, 2009

Gibson, Lisette & Pendlebury, John. *Valuing Historic Environments*. Newcastle University, UK: Ashgate, 2009.

Isaacs, Jennifer. *Pioneer women: Of the bush and outback* . Chatswood, N.S.W.: New Holland Publishers, 2009.

Jordan, Kath. *Larrikin Angel: A Biography of Veronica Brady*. Roundhouse Press.

Scully, Richard & Quartly, Marian (Eds). *Drawing the Line: Using Cartoons as Historical Evidence*. Melbourne, Monash University ePress, 2009.

*The National and commonwealth heritage lists: 1 January 2004 - 30 June 2008*. [Canberra]: Dept. of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, 2008.

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## Dates in WA History

- 1 June 1850 The first boatload of convicts arrived in WA
- 6 June 1885 The first AFL match to be played in Perth is won by East Perth Rovers, defeating Victorians.
- 8 June 1903 Supreme Court building opened.
- 26 June 1950 An airplane crash near York kills 29 people.
- 4 July 1909 Princess Margaret Hospital opens.
- 7 July 1841 Explorer Edward Eyre arrives in Albany after setting out from South Australia.
- 15 July 1994 Former WA Premier Brian Burke began a 2 year jail sentence for fraud.
- 21 July 1991 Greek tanker Kirki began to spill thousands of litres of oil off WA coast
- 22 July 1863 First WA Divorce Act passed
- 26 July 1882 The Daily News became the first daily paper in Perth.
- July 1916 King Edward Memorial Hospital established as a maternity hospital
- July 1958 Roe Street brothels closed
- 25 July 1879 Alexander Forrest explored and named Ord River.
- 7 August 1699 William Dampier anchored in Shark's Bay
- August 1958 Perth Chest Hospital (later titled Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital) opened.

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Tram advertising charity event for the Children's Hospital 1932. (courtesy Battye Library, 101480PD)

## Professional Historians Association (WA) Annual General Meeting

To be held on Sunday, 23 August at 3.30pm in the Great Southern Room, 4th Floor, State Library of Western Australia.

Prior to the meeting there will be a Professional Development session led by Sarah Brown, Battye Historian, assisted by some of her colleagues from 1.30pm to 3pm followed by afternoon tea.

Professional Development seminar program.

### Quick and easy search options for electronic resources

- Discovering new holdings - SLWA's current awareness listings
- Searching "online materials" through the SLWA catalogue - Overview of SLWA's new catalogue (live at the end of July) & the ability to search for "online materials"
- Dead Reckoning - Brief overview of the updated Dead Reckoning online
- Police Gazettes - Demonstration of access to & search options for digitised holdings of the Police Gazettes
- NLA Australian Newspaper site - Tips for searching the newspaper beta database

Please let Ronda know if there are any other resources in the Battye Library about which you would like to learn more. email: [ronda.jamieson@bigpond.com](mailto:ronda.jamieson@bigpond.com); phone: 9457 3702

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