

# newsletter

History  
OF WA  
Council

## Former Governor Addresses History Council AGM

### Role of the Military in Indigenous Affairs

The highlight of the Annual General Meeting of the History Council of Western Australia, held at the State Library of Western Australia on Tuesday 18 September, was the address by the former Governor of Western Australia, Lieutenant General (Retired) John Sanderson AC.

Associate Professor Jenny Gregory, outgoing President of the History Council, described General Sanderson as having fulfilled the role of governor in a stunning manner. Since retiring from that position, which followed his highly distinguished career in the military (Chief of the Australian Army from 1995-1998) he has continued to serve Australia in a range of important roles.

General Sanderson holds honorary doctorates from several institutions and is Adjunct Professor of both Murdoch and Griffith Universities. He is AUSTCARE Ambassador for Cambodia, and lectures on the subject of peace building in a variety of forums.

An advocate of human rights, including the land rights of indigenous people, General Sanderson has been Special Advisor to the Western Australian Government on Indigenous Affairs since September 2006. More than 60 people attended his thought-provoking presentation at the State Library Lecture Theatre.

In an overview of the history of the military in relation to Australian indigenous affairs, General Sanderson pointed out that in theory the military had no role at all

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## History Matters

The History Council of WA has flourished in the four years since its establishment, due to the hard work, dedication and vision of many. In that time, the Council has been ably led by Dr Jenny Gregory, with the support of an active Committee. We thank Jenny for her tireless service, dedication and commitment to promoting the role of the Council. Jenny and the retiring Committee members Ms Jenny Edgecombe, Ms Margaret Hamilton, Dr Mary Anne Jebb and Dr Maureen Perkins have all made major contributions and leave the Council as a strong, well respected peak body for history.

I am honoured to be chosen as the second President of the History Council and although rather apprehensive, look forward to working with the new Committee and the broader membership, to promote the cause of history and the Council.

Several issues that have occupied our attention in the past year will remain issues of concern in the coming year. These include history in schools, the lack of funding for Western Australia's cultural institutions in particular the State Library, the State Records Office and the WA Museum, the need for a new State Records Repository and the need to work to ensure the recognition and preservation of our heritage, both indigenous and European.

A range of heritage issues face us and a strategic plan for natural, indigenous and built heritage must be a priority. A review of heritage legislation is also required. There are many challenges ahead and I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Sue Graham-Taylor  
President



History Council past President Associate Professor Jenny Gregory with Lieutenant General (Ret.) John Sanderson AC at the AGM.

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Above: Members and guests mingling after the AGM. Lto r Joan Pope, Pamela Statham-Drew, Helen Henderson and Mervyn Reger.



**History Council AGM: Address by General Sanderson (cont. from p. 1)**

From the earliest days of European colonisation, mostly it was the police who were employed by the government to enforce policies of control against indigenous people.

When an army was raised to fight in World War One, indigenous people volunteered, even though they received only 1/3 of the salary of non-indigenous people, and after the war received none of the benefits accorded to other ex-soldiers.

Australia fought in many wars throughout the twentieth century and began a conscription scheme mid-century, but an anomaly caused by the fact that indigenous people were not Australian citizens until 1967 meant that they were not called up for national service. However, during that time a number volunteered to join the armed services.

The main thrust of General Sanderson's address was a comparison of the role of Western military forces on the world stage in the years since the first Iraq war, with the role of the Australian military in enforcing recent government policy in respect of the health and wellbeing of indigenous communities.

He discussed the pros and cons of using the military for nation building and the control of violence in several countries, but stressed the need to treat causes of problems, not symptoms. Likewise, General Sanderson considered the role of the military in Australian indigenous communities. He questioned the principle of assimilation, suggesting a different model, whereby indigenous people share in the wealth of the country, while bringing a richer and broader cultural perspective.

General Sanderson said that if the military has a part to play, it is in helping to bring about true reconciliation, based on equality and respect.

The audience was impressed by the address and a lively question time showed the importance of the issues raised by General Sanderson. The Council is most grateful to him for the presentation; the address can be read in full on the History Council website.

Discussions continued over wine and pizzas at the conclusion of another successful History Council event.

Sue Hart



Former and current History Council Committee members enjoying the refreshments provided after the AGM, l to r, Jenny Edgecombe, Glen Stasiuk, Sue Graham Taylor and Lise Summers.

**History Council of WA  
Election Results  
for 2007-2008**

Here are the results of the election held at the AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Congratulations to the newly elected and the ongoing Executive and Councillors.

**Executive**

- Dr Sue Graham-Taylor (President)
- Dr Jean Chetkovich (Vice-President)
- Moirá Mulligan (Secretary)
- Robert Mitchell (Treasurer)

**Councillors**

- Glen Bennett
- Jennie Carter
- Dianne Davidson
- Associate Professor Jenny Gregory
- Dr Bill Leadbetter
- Ruth Marchant James
- Dr Felicity Morel – Ednie Brown
- Dr Bobbie Oliver
- Meredith Southee
- Richard Spence
- Glen Stasiuk
- Lise Summers
- Aileen Walsh



Former Governor of Western Australia, Lieutenant General (Ret.) John Sanderson AC addressing members at the AGM on 18 September.

## Meetings of the Committee

The Committee meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> June and 29<sup>th</sup> August included the following business items where the Committee:

- § After much discussion the 2007/2010 Strategic Plan has now been ratified.
- § An announcement regarding the Museum of Sport is expected prior to Christmas 2007. In the interim the Advocacy sub-committee will maintain an interest and continue to report on any progress.
- § The History Council Committee for 2007/08 is Sue Graham-Taylor (President), Jean Chetkovich (Vice-President), Moira Mulligan (Secretary), Robert Mitchell, Glen Bennett, Jennie Carter, Dianne Davidson, Jenny Gregory, Bill Leadbetter, Ruth Marchant James, Felicity Morel Ednie-Brown, Bobby Oliver, Meredith Southee, Lise Summers and Richard Spence (Committee Members). The two indigenous representatives are Glen Stasiuk and Aileen Walsh.
- § The History Council's past President Jenny Gregory will represent the History Council of Western Australia on a panel discussion of interstate History Councils at the 2007 Australian Historical Association Regional Conference at the University of New England, Armidale, NSW in September.
- § Jennie Carter will take over as editor of the newsletter from inaugural editor, Jenny Edgecombe, who will be resigning as Editor after producing the next issue. The role Jenny played in producing the publication from its inception was unanimously acknowledged by the President and committee members.
- § A workshop held on 18 August began the process of converting the existing website (based on Plone) to a new one based on Excite Pro.
- § A vote of thanks was recorded in appreciation of Associate Professor Jenny Gregory's successful four-year term of office as foundation President.

## Annual Report Shows Growth in Council Activity

The Annual Report delivered by retiring President A/Professor Jenny Gregory at the History Council of WA Annual General Meeting in September revealed a History Council that has consolidated its position and is really beginning to achieve its aims of promoting and supporting history as the peak body for history-related organisations in the State. Here are some of the highlights.

The Council was represented at the Australian History Summit in August 2006, and has been particularly active in pursuing four major issues during the year: history in schools, the lack of funding for Western Australia's cultural institutions (in particular the State Library, State Records Office and the WA Museum), the Dampier Rock Art Precinct and the Treasury Buildings Precinct.

The Council was proactive in the important Local Government sphere, with the President making presentations to each of the metropolitan divisions of the WA Local Government Authority, encouraging recognition by Local Government of the History Council of WA's role as the state's peak History body.

Successful lobbying assisted in the appointment of an historian to the Fremantle Prison Trust, and the History Council was represented on the Lotterywest Community Histories Technical Panel, the National Archives of Australia (WA branch) Community Consultative Forum and the Celebrate WA WA Week Steering Committee'.

Council received outside presentations from Ms Margaret Allen, State Librarian, on changes to the organisation of the State Library; and from Mr Mark Brogan, Digital Records Coordinator, State Records Office.

Six highly successful events were presented or co-badged by the Council, including Sundowners, panel discussions, the Northbridge Studies Day and the enjoyable and innovative 'History in the Pub' evening.

The Council has also reviewed its activities, which resulted in a streamlining of the Sub-Committee system and a revision of the Strategic Plan.

## New Look Website Coming Soon

The Communications Sub-Committee has held numerous workshops in recent months to plan a new website and begin the process of transferring material from the existing site. The new site will allow for much easier updating and the flexibility to provide a more attractive interface.

## New Editor for Newsletter

This issue is my last as editor. I have enjoyed the experience greatly and I hope that readers have found the newsletter informative and interesting. I am taking this opportunity to thank all the Councillors and members who have assisted over the last three years with providing items, photographs and proofreading assistance, in particular Jennie Carter and Ruth Marchant James, who have assisted faithfully as the backbone of the Newsletter Committee.

Jennie Carter will be taking on the position, so perhaps you will now notice a slight bias towards library-related articles rather than the archival ones that have crept in under my aegis!

Jenny Edgecombe

## Recent Library Board Appointments

The following appointments to the Library Board of WA were recently announced. Members of the Board are appointed by the Governor in accordance with the *Library Board of Western Australia Act, 1951-1983*.

Mr Matthew Allen -  
Ministerial appointment  
(appointed for a further term)

Cr Milton Evans - WALGA  
nominee (appointed for a further term)

Ms Sandra Jamieson -  
Ministerial appointment

Ms Kristy Bizacca - City of Fremantle nominee

## Foundation Day Citizens' Breakfast

The fourth Foundation Day Citizens' Breakfast was held in the Government House Ballroom on Monday 4 June 2007.

Members of the public were invited on the basis of their response to the question "What brings our community together?"

200 answers were short-listed from over 2,000 entries, which were submitted from both country and city residents, with the values of volunteering, neighbourliness and supporting others often mentioned. These are themes that will strike a chord with History Council members, with many of our member organisations depending heavily on these values.

The breakfast was co-hosted by The Office of Multicultural Interests, Celebrate WA and The West Australian newspaper, with Channel 10 television news recording the proceedings.

His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC, Governor of Western Australia, addressed the gathering, as did Master of Ceremonies Peter Fitzpatrick and the Hon. Ljiljana Ravlich, MLC, who is Minister for Multicultural Interests and Citizenship. The function's formal speakers all urged the continuance of civic pride and involvement.  
Leith Robinson



2008 Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History  
For an outstanding publication or body of work that contributes significantly to an understanding of Australian history. The Prize comprises an embossed gold medallion and a tax free grant of \$100,000.

Closing: 20 January 2008

Further Information:

[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school\\_education/policy\\_initiatives\\_reviews/key\\_issues/Australian\\_History/pm\\_historyprize.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education/policy_initiatives_reviews/key_issues/Australian_History/pm_historyprize.htm)

## SPECIAL LECTURE "The Economics of Heritage Preservation"

Donovan D. Rypkema

will make a special presentation to  
History Council members & other interested persons.

**THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2007, 5PM  
OLD OBSERVATORY BUILDING**

With increasing frequency, the History Council has been asked to take a position on the values of heritage sites including East Perth Power Station, WA Government Railway Workshops, Treasury Buildings, and the Albany waterfront.

If we are to play an informed and useful role in the community dialogue on heritage as historians or citizens interested in history and heritage, we need to have an understanding of "The Economics of Heritage Preservation".

Donovan D. Rypkema is president of Heritage Strategies International, a Washington, D.C.-based real estate and economic development consulting firm that specializes in services to public and NGO clients who are dealing with the economic aspects of historic preservation and the reuse of heritage structures. Rypkema has worked with communities in 49 States, 7 Canadian Provinces and 25 countries.

**There is no fee for this professional development opportunity.**

**Light refreshments will follow.**

### Places are limited

RSVP: Zoe at 9321 6088

or to the History Council at [office@historycouncilwa.org.au](mailto:office@historycouncilwa.org.au)

(Free parking on site or Red Cat Stop 26).

## Constitutional Changes Agreed to at AGM

Several minor constitutional changes were proposed and agreed to at the recent AGM of the History Council of Western Australia.

1. A new definition of "Councillor" was added to eliminate confusion between general membership of the History Council (Member) and a member (elected or appointed) to the committee of management of the Council (Councillor).
2. Wording was changed to state that the Executive Officer rather than the Secretary should be the officer responsible for establishing and maintaining the register of members with names, addresses and starting dates of membership. This reflects the current assignment of duties.
3. A new Section 35, PUBLIC FUND, was inserted to ensure compliance with entry requirements for the Register of Cultural Organisations to enable the History Council to obtain deductible gift recipient status. Sections 35 – 40 inclusive were renumbered as Sections 36 – 41 inclusive as a result.

### **Departing SRO Director Optimistic re Archives Storage**

Tony Caravella, the Director, State Records, was farewelled by a large number of well-wishers at a function at PICA on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. He is leaving the State Records Office (SRO) to take up a position on the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

Tony reflected on challenges and achievements in his time at the SRO, in particular guiding the SRO through the implementation of the new State Records Act and the implementation of AEON, the online database of SRO holdings.

He mentioned one regret, that he had not been able to achieve a firm commitment by the State Government in providing for the desperately needed archives storage facility.

However, through his efforts, strong business cases have been presented to the government, and he still remains optimistic that it will only be a matter of time before the government acts to protect the state's heritage, and allocates funding to this purpose.

### **Australia's Memory**

What do you consider to be the most important historical documents in Australia?

Conducted under the auspices of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO, the Australian *Memory of the World* program is one of over 60 *Memory of the World* programs worldwide. The Australian Register is a selective list of Australia's significant documentary heritage.

The 19 items currently listed include the *Endeavour* Journal of James Cook, The Cinesound Movietone Australian Newsreel Collection 1929-1975 and the huge body of Displaced Persons Migrant Selection Documents 1947-1953. Several of the items have also been included on the World Register.

What is there from Western Australia, you ask? To find out, you'll have to check out the website: [http://www.amw.org.au/register/amw\\_req06.htm](http://www.amw.org.au/register/amw_req06.htm)

## **Kulbardi Indigenous Film Festival**

*Past President of the History Council Associate Professor Jenny Gregory reports on the Indigenous Film Festival organised by the Kulbardi Centre at Murdoch University on Sunday evening 8 July 2007.*

Six new short films were screened at the Indigenous Film Festival. After an introduction by Dr Richard Walley and a Welcome to Country by Marie Taylor, representing Nyungar traditional owners, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Michelle Roberts, opened the Festival. The Kim Beazley lecture theatre was packed and there was a distinct buzz of excitement as Glen Stasiuk, Director of the Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre and a History Councillor, introduced the films.

It's hard to pick best film, as the quality of each was excellent. Storytelling is an integral part of indigenous culture, and despite the hard lecture theatre seats and the mixed age of the audience, there was not too much shuffling around. The stories each film told were enthralling. The films included 'Amy goes to Wadjemup Island' directed by Denise Groves; 'Weewar - a Binjareb Warrior' by Glen Stasiuk; 'Talkabout Walkabout' by Gary Cooper; 'Broken Bonds' by Ash Sillifant; 'Sugar Bag' by Gary Cooper and a longer film 'Footprints in the Sand' by Glen Stasiuk. For me the highlights were Gary Cooper's films, especially 'Sugar Bag', which told the story of a light-skinned child. As soon as she was born her parents realised that she would be 'trouble', and they made desperate efforts to hide her from the authorities. She was eventually rounded up and taken to a camp where her mother regularly visited her. Glen Stasiuk's 'Footprints in the Sand', a longer documentary film, was particularly impressive in its use of rare historic film footage to tell the story of the couple believed to be the last of the nomads.

The films can be purchased on DVD from the Kulbardi Centre. They would be a great teaching aid for history in both secondary schools and university courses.

Left, Marie Taylor, representing Nyungar traditional owners, offering a Welcome to Country before the Kulbardi Centre's Indigenous Film Festival in July.

Below: A section of the large crowd which enjoyed the Festival.



## Awards and Grants

### HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WA Heritage Loan Subsidy Scheme For conservation work

Applications for the December meeting due by 15 November 2007  
[www.heritage.wa.gov.au](http://www.heritage.wa.gov.au)

### LOTTERYWEST Memorial Grant

For construction, conservation and interpretation - \$10 000  
Submissions accepted year round

### General Grants

For projects, capital work and equipment – up to \$10 000  
Submissions accepted year round  
Ph 9340 5270 or 1800 655 270

### Community Events & Celebrations

Closing: 1 November 2007  
[www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au](http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au)

### COMMONWEALTH GRANTS

National Heritage Investment Initiative;  
National Cultural Heritage Account;  
Sharing Australia's Stories;  
Regional Natural Heritage Program;  
Indigenous Heritage Program;  
Commemoration of Historic Events and Famous Persons;  
National Trusts Partnership Program;  
Application submission dates, conditions and funding amounts vary per scheme.

[www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/)

### National Archives of Australia

Ian Madean Awards - research grants for archivists.

<http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/research-grants/ian-maclea/index.aspx>

### USEFUL PUBLICATIONS

*Australian Heritage Council – Periodic Report – March 2004 – February 2007*

[www.ahc.gov.au/publications](http://www.ahc.gov.au/publications)

*Sharing Our Stories: Guidelines for Heritage Interpretation*

<http://www.ntwa.com.au/sharingourstories/>

Ph: 9427 2770

*WA Heritage Tourism Strategy: Assessment of the Economic Value of Heritage Tourism*

[http://www.tourismwa.gov.au/Media\\_Centre/Pages/Publications\\_Library.aspx?Category=ALL&sort=AZ&AZIndex=H](http://www.tourismwa.gov.au/Media_Centre/Pages/Publications_Library.aspx?Category=ALL&sort=AZ&AZIndex=H)

Ph: 9221 4177

## “Voices of Western Australia”

with Dr Mary Anne Jebb and Bill Bunbury

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10am

State Library of Western Australia

**Proudly sponsored by  
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History Council members are invited to attend **Day Two of the W.A. Branch, Oral History Association weekend conference** when the launch of the “Voices of Western Australia” CD will take place.

The Oral History Association in collaboration with the ABC, and co-producers Bill Bunbury and Dr Mary Anne Jebb, has created a CD/DVD containing 10 x 5 minute segments that celebrate the spoken histories of Western Australia. The segments have been selected and edited from interviews from private collections, J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History, Oral History Collection and the ABC Archives by Mary Anne Jebb and Bill Bunbury and engineered and distributed by the ABC.

The theme for this collection is *Against The Odds*, focusing on acts of kindness, ingenuity, and the sense of humour shown by Western Australians in the face of challenge during significant historical eras and events in our history.

It is hoped that this will be the first of a series of WA Voices that will be launched each WA Week and that in the future, recordings will be generated specially for WA Week.

**If you would like to attend the launch, the cost of registration for one day of the Oral History Association conference is \$50.**

To reserve your place, please contact Julia Wallis, Executive Officer, History Council of Western Australia, PO Box 1619, WEST PERTH WA 6872 or [office@historycouncilwa.org.au](mailto:office@historycouncilwa.org.au) to obtain a registration form.

## Oldest known Australian Printed Document

Did you hear about this? This article in the Courier Mail September 11, 2007 makes fascinating reading. The document in question has been returned to Australia by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"I am not allowed to touch it, nor to lift it, so what I am going to do is to present you with a certificate of authenticity," Mr Harper said when he presented the gift to Prime Minister John Howard at Parliament House in Canberra.

Little is known about how this playbill ended up in Canada, but it was discovered at Canada's National Library and Archives inside a 150-year-old scrapbook, among several other playbills and advertisements for performances in 19th century England.

It advertises a theatrical performance at the Sydney Theatre on July 30, 1796.

Researchers have concluded that the advertisement was printed in Sydney by convict George Hughes, who operated Australia's first printing press, which came out on the First Fleet.

National Library director-general Jan Fullerton said, "It will have a richly deserved place alongside other key documents such as Cook's Endeavour journal, William Bligh's notebook and Eddie Mabo's papers in our new Treasures Gallery due to open in 2009."

<http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,23739,22400473-5003402,00.html>

More Information on National Library site: <http://www.nla.gov.au/pressrel/canada.html>

## Premier's Book Award for WA History Congratulations Bobbie Oliver!



The History Council always take a particular interest in the Premier's Book Award for WA History. The Council lobbied strongly for the establishment of this prize, and is currently making representations in support of the prize as an ongoing award.

This year the History Council had an additional reason for interest, since Committee Member Bobbie Oliver was among the recipients when Culture and Arts Minister Sheila McHale presented the 2006 awards at a ceremony held in June.

Bobbie Oliver and Patrick Bertola won the Premier's Book Award for Western Australian History with their book, *The Workshops: A History of the Midland Government Railway Workshops*, published by UWA Press.

For ninety years, the Government Railway Workshops at Midland were the largest industrial workshops in Western Australia, training tradesmen to build and repair locomotive engines, rolling stock and maintain a railway network that was at the heart of the state's economic development. Widespread community outrage greeted the State Government's decision to close the Workshops, but numerous campaigns to prevent their demise proved unsuccessful, and the Workshops' gates closed for the final time in March 1994.

In *The Workshops*, twelve authors, headed by Patrick Bertola and Bobbie Oliver, have collaborated to write the history of this important industrial facility which was constructed and then closed amid political controversy.

The book contains the results of more than two hundred hours of interviewing former employees. Editor-historians Drs Patrick Bertola and Bobbie Oliver combine these employee histories with archival photographs and essays by experts in railway, labour, social and engineering history in this informative tribute to the workers and industrial legacy of the Midland Workshops.

The authors' contributions are grouped into four sections: Context; The Working Factory; Culture and Leisure; Closure and Afterwards; exploring every dimension of the workplace from the Chief Mechanical Engineer's office to the factory floor, together with the employment of women munitions workers in World War II.

See the advert on this page for advance information on a History Council function to celebrate this award.

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End of Year  
Function

Midland  
Railway  
Workshops

5<sup>th</sup> December

Advance Notice

Congratulate Bobbie Oliver  
& Patrick Bertola, winners  
of the Premier's Book  
Award for WA History, over  
nibbles, drinks and a short  
tour at the Midland Railway  
Workshops complex.

PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR  
DIARY.

More Detail In Later Mail-Outs.

### Well Done, HRRC!

I just took a peek at the Historical Records Rescue Consortium web page to check progress and look what I found!

Total projected outcomes:  
795,150

Outcomes completed to date:  
820,796 (103%)

And they're not finished yet!

To see more detail on the project's preservation achievements in the categories of newspapers, motion pictures and photographic images, go to <http://www.hrrc.org.au/>

There are details of screenings of rescued movies, and instructions for finding rescued images online.

### 2007 Geoffrey Bolton Lecture

Many History Council members attended the 2007 Geoffrey Bolton Lecture, *Our Final Century?* in the Government House Ballroom on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Popular and respected science journalist Robyn Williams AM from ABC Radio National's Science Unit was introduced by WA's Chief Scientist, Professor Lyn Beazley and historian Bill Bunbury.

The title was inspired by Martin Rees' book, *Our Final Century: Will the Human Race Survive the 21st Century?* which postulated that The human race had only a 50/50 chance of surviving another century. In his own distinctively whimsical way, Robyn Williams examined the importance of archives to scientists facing this situation. This included graphic examples of records such as diaries proving useful to researchers in ways their creators could not envisage. He also touched on his own tantalising dream of making the massive archive of invaluable ABC science shows available online. The full talk is now available online as a State Records Office Podcast at <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/>

## History Council Program for 2007

21<sup>ST</sup> October  
WA Week  
'Voices of WA' CD launch at  
WA Branch, Oral History  
Assoc of Australia  
conference  
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25<sup>th</sup> October  
'Economics of Heritage  
Preservation'. Free lecture  
for History Council members  
& friends.  
SEE ADVERT THIS ISSUE

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>  
December  
History Council of WA End of  
Year Function. Midland  
Railway Workshops.

## 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:  
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**15<sup>TH</sup> November 2007**

## Members' Events

### THE ROYAL WA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

Research Papers are read at the  
monthly meetings, 6 pm at Stirling  
House,  
49 Broadway, Nedlands.  
Visitors welcome.

#### 17 October

Mr Ian Hocking:  
*Perth Town Hall: Civic aspirations  
from the colonial period to the  
21st century*

#### 21 November

Dr Shane Burke:  
*The archaeology of Thomas  
Peel's Camp, Naval Base.*

#### History In The City Program

Interesting monthly talks arranged  
by the RWAHS Women's Auxiliary  
are held at 2pm on the first  
Wednesday of every month.

**Where:** in the Conference Room,  
at the Citi-Place Community  
Centre, Perth Railway Concourse.  
A \$5 donation covers afternoon  
tea.

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

RWAHS tel: 93 86 38 41  
<http://www.histwest.giit.com.au/index.htm>

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA, PERTH OFFICE

#### Immigration Records Seminar.

Includes tour of the building.  
**When:** Wednesday 21 November  
2007, 10.30am.

**Where:** Perth NAA office,  
384 Berwick Street,  
East Victoria Park, WA 6101.

Free parking at the door.  
Limited Numbers – booking is  
essential.

**Ph 9470 7500 to reserve your  
place.**

## Conference

### W.A. BRANCH: ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

#### ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

#### *Vocal To Visual: Future Directions*

20-21<sup>st</sup> October 2007

State Library of Western Australia  
Theatre, Alexander Library  
Building

Email:

[jmccahon@vicpak.wa.gov.au](mailto:jmccahon@vicpak.wa.gov.au)

**REMEMBER: Special rate \$50  
for History Council members to  
attend Day 2. See ad p.6.**

## Support your History Council: Join or Donate

You can support the work of the History Council in its pledge to make history a vital part of community life in Western Australia by becoming a member or making a donation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prefix First Surname

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Work Tel Home Tel

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you/your organisation Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes  No

Please state the number of members in your organisation \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like the following type of membership:

Corporate Large organisations \$200 pa  
(including government agencies and universities)  Corporate Medium organisations \$100 pa

Corporate Professional organisations \$50 pa  Corporate Small organisations \$30 pa

Individual \$20 pa  Individual Concession \$10 pa

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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