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History Matters

The State budget saw little funding for history, heritage and the arts. All of the arts related agencies are struggling to provide the level of ongoing services that the community expects. There was no funding for a new State Records Repository or a new Museum. We fall further and further behind similar agencies in other states and overseas, at a time when there is clear recognition for the role of arts and culture in creating and supporting communities.

The European Heritage Smells project makes me concerned for the state of our own documentary and material heritage. While we plead for adequate funding simply to allow our institutions to operate effectively and fulfil their roles, our heritage collections are deteriorating. There is an increased interest in those smelly volatile compounds emitted by heritage objects that cause indoor air pollution and affect other nearby collections. The emissions could also reveal the state of degradation of heritage objects. Plastic degradation for instance has been described as 'a ticking time bomb' as researchers try to save plastic heritage ranging from bakelite radios to Barbie dolls, before it starts to smell and eventually crumbles to dust. Paper also gives off volatile compounds and smells as it degrades. Measuring the levels of individual compounds makes it possible to obtain a 'fingerprint' of a document's condition. A thorough chemical understanding of the state of a book or an artefact will help museums and libraries to identify that material most in need of protection from further degradation. Work such as this, linking science and heritage disciplines, requires funding and support. The British Government has recently given £6.5million to support such vital research.

Our history is passed on to future generations through the documents and artefacts we leave and the stories they tell. To be relevant our arts related institutions need to be innovative and dynamic. This requires the government support, understanding and commitment that we are not seeing at present.

Sue Graham-Taylor

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History Council of Western Australia, 2010 meeting dates

Committee Meetings are held at 4.30pm at the Constitutional Centre on the last Wednesday of the month, except for December. Executive Meetings are held at 4.00pm at National Trust HQ, West Perth on the last Wednesday of the month, beginning in January.

Public Holidays for 2010

Queen's Birthday	Monday 27 September
Christmas	Monday 27 December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 28 December

The History Council of Western Australia gratefully acknowledges the support of the Western Australian History Foundation.



Publicise Your 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 or write to:
PO Box 1619, West Perth 6872

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Corporate members

If it is appropriate and you would like to organise a tour or special event for History Council members at your establishment, please let the Executive Officer know on office@historycouncilwa.org.au

Views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the History Council Committee or its membership.

Queen's Birthday Honours Awards 2010

Alec Coles, the Western Australian Museum's new Chief Executive Officer, has been awarded an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List. Alec has been recognised for his services to museums and, in particular, for his work as director of Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums, in north-east England.

Rosinda Seara, History Council member, was honoured for "outstanding public service to education, particularly at the Hamilton Senior High School". Members may recall that Rosinda was the proud winner of the 2008 West Australian Teacher of the Year Award.

Congratulations to both Alec and Rosinda!

Julia Wallis

Questions in Parliament

A sequence of questions on notice have been asked by John Hyde regarding the State Records Office, the WA Museum, the Battye Library and the Heritage Council of Western Australia. <http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/web/newwebparl.nsf/iframewebpages/Legislative+Assembly+-+Parliamentary+Questions>

"Question On Notice No. 3201 asked in the Legislative Assembly on 16 June 2010 by John Hyde MLA directed to the Hon J.H.D. Day, Minister for Culture and the Arts.

Initial answers to previous Questions on Notice by the Minister (and other Ministers) regarding records and archives outsourcing describe annualised expenditure by the government agencies for which information is available of at least \$3 million. On page 569 of the 2010–2011 State Budget, the fourth point refers to the lack of adequate storage space at the State Records Office, plus the lack of storage space for the State Art Collection. In relation the above, I ask:

- (a) as the Minister notes the problems with record storage and archiving in the State Budget, can the Minister detail the reasons for the problems and advise whether a problem exists in terms of the increasing costs of supplying records management services within a fully privatised model;
- (b) can the Minister detail how the Government knows it is getting value for money when some agencies cannot separately account for the cost of file retrievals versus the cost of storage services; and
- (c) what solutions are the Minister exploring to alleviate the storage problem for the State Art Collection?"

The History Council has been lobbying for the State Government to address this important issue and we await further developments.

Commonwealth FOI reform legislation passed.

On 13 May 2010, the Federal Government secured the passage of new FOI reform legislation - the Information Commissioner Bill and the Freedom of Information Amendment (Reform) Bill.

The Minister responsible for the National Archives, Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig, has released a statement which briefly outlines the centerpiece of these reforms. See the Minister's media release:

http://www.smos.gov.au/media/2010/mr_272010.html

Under the reforms to the Archives Act (1983) the open access period for most records will commence after 20 years instead of the current 30 years. For Cabinet notebooks access will commence after 30 years instead of the current 50 years. These earlier open access periods will be phased in over 10 years, commencing on 1 January 2011. To ensure a smooth transition, National Archives' staff have been developing strategies and policies to address the impacts of these reforms.

The final Bills, as passed by both Houses, are available from the Parliament of Australia ParInfo website: see Australian Information Commissioner Bill 2010

Northbridge History Studies Day 23 May 2010

An audience member remarks:

After attending the three previous Northbridge Studies days, I eagerly awaited the fourth (and sadly final) event. I was disappointed to see that the lecture theatre was half empty.

Non-attendees, you missed a treat! As usual, the range and the prestige of speakers was impressive, their passion undeniable and their material fresh. I particularly enjoyed Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi's talk "Northbridge: a vital and complex quarter of the city". She advised that letters had been sent to negligent property owners to improve their buildings and urged us to make Northbridge a friend, not an acquaintance.

I found Joane Gilbert (a former St Brigid's student)'s memory map intriguing, as she traced the roads and their businesses of her childhood daily travels, and I liked the chirpy yet still comprehensive talk by Reverend Father Doncaster on religious presence in Northbridge – he pointed out Perth had twin towers before New York, via the proximity of places of worship with spires and belfries.

Emanuel Muratore's "The beat, the bands, the buzz" exploration of the nightclub scene was also fascinating, and led to a discussion of drugs and warehouse parties.

I welcomed the usual scheduling of a panel discussion at the close of each session, and the audience posed insightful and sometimes provocative questions. A popular notion – raised by Stan Kailis – was for a multicultural museum in Northbridge.

It was another educational and entertaining day, and it ended positively, as the possibilities to build on the accumulated knowledge are exciting!

Leith Robinson

State Library News

Durack Dynasty: an exhibition of the Durack Family Papers

The Durack family have had major influences across Australia. It all began when a small branch of an Irish family tried to escape poverty in 1853. The State Library presents an exceptional exhibition on this pioneering family, showcasing the extensive collections of Durack material held by the Library together with material on loan from members of the Durack family. Featuring diaries, artworks, letters, notebooks, photographs, film, rare books, objects and more, the exhibition tells us some of the fortunes of this extraordinary family and their contribution to Western Australia.

The exhibition is open from 29 May to 3 October 2010. There are also a number of associated events, including a series of talks, tours and films. For more information visit: www.slwa.wa.gov.au/whats_on/events

Kalgoorlie CollectionsCare Regional Hub

SLWA has recently met with the coordinator of the new CollectionsCare Regional Hub in the Goldfields to discuss possible opportunities for working together. CollectionsCare aims to develop practical skills and knowledge of staff and volunteers of regional collecting institutions. SLWA will look at ways to work with the Hub to help local collecting organisations manage their collections and build cooperative working relationships.

Closing the Gap

Under the Commonwealth's Closing the Gap Strategy, SLWA will be delivering Information Literacy training in WA's remote Indigenous communities. This will be a three year program, and will see SLWA staff working with Indigenous communities to improve literacy in all age groups.

Sarah Brown
(Battye Historian)

State Records Office News

Margaret Medcalf Award

On the morning of 19 May 2010, the Hon John Day MLA, Minister for Planning: Culture and the Arts, accompanied by Margaret Medcalf OAM, presented this year's Margaret Medcalf Award to Kevin Fitzgerald and Chris Owen from the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council. The Award, including a prize of \$1000, was made for the book *'It's still in my heart, this is my Country': The Single Noongar Claim History*, authored by the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, John Host with Chris Owen.

Culture and the Arts Minister John Day recognised the contribution the work makes to the knowledge and history of native title in Western Australia, saying

"This book brings together evidence that was gathered as part of the Single Noongar Claim Federal Court trial to provide a comprehensive account of Noongar people and their history. The judges felt this book had the potential to alter the path of historical Aboriginal research and that the work has led to a paradigm shift in the way Aboriginal culture and identity is defined and understood. The researchers spent several years reviewing thousands of records at the State Records Office, in addition to other evidence gathered as part of the Single Noongar Claim. The records included 19th century colonial archives about Aboriginal people in WA, the records of the State Native Welfare and Aborigines departments and the anthropological papers of Daisy Bates."

Special commendations were also awarded to two works:

Tiffany Shellam's paper - *Enumerating the unknowable: imagining, counting and defining the politically relevant Aboriginal population of colonial Western Australia*

Penelope Hetherington's book - *Paupers, poor relief and poor houses in Western Australia, 1829-1910*.

The judging panel for this year's Award comprised Associate Professor Jean Chetkovich, from the Centre for Western Australian History at The University of Western Australia, Justine McDermott, State Records Commissioner, and Cathrin Cassarchis, State Archivist and Director State Records.

Geoffrey Bolton Lecture 2010

The speaker at the 2010 Geoffrey Bolton Lecture will be Emeritus Professor David Black AM, Chairman of the Parliamentary History Advisory Committee at the Parliament of Western Australia. The Lecture will be held at the Government House Ballroom at 6pm on Monday 20 September 2010. The date has been chosen to coincide with a parliamentary sitting week. The topic for this year's Lecture has not yet been finalised but Professor Black has stated that he sees the Lecture as an opportunity to explain what has been achieved in parliamentary and general political history in Western Australia, with particular reference to the State's archives.

SRO Seminars

Details of the 2010 program for SRO's lunchtime seminars are available at <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/whatsnew/events.asp>. and elsewhere in this newsletter. The most recent speaker at a SRO Lunchtime Seminar was Isla Macphail who spoke about her 2009 Margaret Medcalf Award winning publication titled *Highest Privilege and Bounden Duty: A study of Western Australian parliamentary elections 1829-1901*, published by the Western Australian Electoral Commission. Isla spoke eloquently about her topic, making what seems at first to be a somewhat dry academic subject, come vividly to life, underlying the use of a great deal of archival material from the State Archives collection in the production of the work.

The next Lunchtime Seminar will mark NAIDOC week and will occur on 6 July 2010. Featuring Dr Mary Ann Jebb, the seminar is titled "Community history and 'Mowanjum 50 years'" and is about this lively and interesting work produced to mark the 50th anniversary of the Mowanjum Aboriginal Community. The book is richly illustrated and uses oral and archival sources to describe the people, culture and country of Mowanjum in the Kimberley region. The seminar will occur in the South West Room at the SRO.

1979 State Cabinet Records released

Each year the State Records Office organises the official release of the State Cabinet Records from their 30 year restriction access period, on or near Western Australia's Foundation Day – a day chosen because it marks the commencement of government in Western Australia. This year a Guide to the 1979 State Cabinet

Records was produced and promoted, resulting in newspaper, television and radio coverage of some of the issues highlighted in the State Cabinet Records from 30 years ago.

1979 was the year Western Australia made international headlines when Skylab fell to earth near Esperance, and the Miss Universe contest was held at the Entertainment Centre in Perth. The 1979 State Cabinet records reveal the concerns of Sir Charles Court's government about various issues, including: the actions taken to provide relief to drought ravaged farmers and victims of the Cadoux earthquake, the consideration of sites for a possible nuclear power plant, deliberations about oil drilling on Noonkanbah Station and about Aboriginal Land Rights generally, discussions about the abolition of the Marriage Allowance for public servants, the release of an Energy Policy for Western Australia, discussions about proposed Sex Discrimination legislation and discussions about Nude Bathing at Swanbourne.

1979 was also the year of the 'sesquicentennial' anniversary of British settlement in Western Australia, and the State Cabinet Records show the deliberations by the Government about the use of the 'WAY 79' logo and celebratory events that occurred during that year including; Prince Charles' visit, the Parmelia Yacht Race, the Military Tattoo, and a 150th anniversary Golf Tournament. Western Australia was certainly in a 'state of excitement' throughout 1979.

For more detailed information about the events from 1979 and the State Cabinet Records please see the online Guide to the 1979 State Cabinet Records at:

http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/whatsnew/documents/A_guide_to_the_1979_State_Cabinet_Records_000.pdf

Historical maps online

Over 5000 historical maps have been made available online since funding from the Friends of Battye Library (Inc) was granted for this project late last year. Only 250 more maps are awaiting loading to the system and these require further descriptive work first. This will then complete this project.

Anna and Thomas Leonowens in Western Australia, 1853-1857

Anna Leonowens was the almost mythical 19th century Governess to the King of Siam's children, portrayed in the 20th century bestselling book *Anna and the King of Siam* (1944) and the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *The King and I* (1951) which were both later turned into Hollywood films. Much has been written about Anna and the State Records Office has recently published an *Occasional Paper*, authored by distinguished American biographer Alfred Habegger and SRO Senior Archivist Gerard Foley, titled *Anna and Thomas Leonowens in Western Australia, 1853-1857*.

This paper reveals the little known facts about their time in Western Australia. This includes the story of their perilous journey to Western Australia from Singapore, the record of Anna Leonowens advertising to be the teacher of a 'seminary for young ladies' in Perth, Thomas's strong opinions recorded in the Minutes of the Swan River Mechanics Institute and the story of the family's life in the remote convict outpost of Lynton, north of Geraldton. The true story is every bit as remarkable as the Hollywood version of Anna's life, but the truth has always had difficulty coming to light. Unfortunately, for various reasons, Anna concealed her early life, never revealing to anyone that she spent four years in Western Australia, preferring instead to say that time was spent in the more salubrious surrounds of St James Square in London.

The paper can be found online at: <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/community/documents/OccasionalPaper1-LeonowensinWesternAustralia.pdf>

Gerard Foley
(Senior Archivist, SRO)

Forthcoming events

SRO Lunchtime seminars 2010

The State Records Office of Western Australia invites you to the 2010 series of Lunchtime Seminars. Attendees are encouraged to bring their sandwiches and drinks to the Seminars. Tea and Coffee are provided and bookings are essential.

Tuesday 6 July – Lunchtime Seminar to mark NAIDOC week. Speaker: **Dr Mary Anne Jebb**
Topic: *Community history and 'Mowanjum 50 years'*.
Venue: Great Southern Room, 4th floor Alexander Library Building, Perth Cultural Centre.

Thursday 9 September – Speaker: **Kerry King**
Topic: *'Lifting the Bonnet' on the dark history of road crashes in WA.*
Venue: Southwest Room, Ground Floor,

Wednesday 13 October – Speaker: **Damien Hassan**
Topic: *AEON 2.0.*

Wed 24 Nov – Speaker: to be advised – Topic: to be advised

These dates and venues will be confirmed a month before the event.

Bookings are necessary for these Seminars, so please phone 9427 3360 to book, or let us know should you visit the SRO's Search Room before the event.

Friends of Battye Library - meetings and speakers for 2010

5.30 to 7pm

13 July - Jonathan Schmidt - *Through the eyes of the Conservator.*

14 September - June Caunt - *Post war migration experiences.*

23 November - Jennie and Bevan Carter - *Writing the history of Armadale.*

For further details see <http://www.friendsofbattyselibrary.org.au>

Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc events

For further details see <http://www.wags.org.au>

Royal Western Australian Historical Society events to August 2010

Stirling House, 49 Broadway, Nedlands, WA 6009

Phone: (08) 9386 3841 Fax: (08) 9386 3309

Email: histwest@git.com.au

Website: www.histwest.org.au

Opening Hours: 9.30 am – 5.00 pm weekdays

RWAHS Annual Program of Research Papers

Presented at the General Meetings held 6.00pm at Stirling House on the third Wednesday of each month from February to November. Light refreshments served from 5.30pm. Bookshop open until 6pm. Visitors are welcome

21 July - Aileen Walsh, *Naming Nyoongars*

18 August - Dr Neville Green: *The Other Gribble*

History Out and About' 2010

Sun 1 August - Bus Tour to Williams and district.

Wed 25 August - Musical Evening at Stirling House with historical instruments and a sing-along

'History in the City' Program presented by the RWAHS Auxiliary

Meets from March on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm at the Citiplace Community Centre, situated Perth Railway Concourse. Interesting talks organised each month with afternoon tea provided. Donation \$5. See History West and Society website for detailed information.

For further details see <http://www.histwest.org.au>

Then and now: the beadwork tradition. 10 August

Illustrated talk by Valerie Cavill. Come and view the Society's beaded 1920's flapper dresses, accessories and other treasures, together with a display of modern beadwork jewellery presented by the Bead Guild of WA. The RWAHS Auxiliary invites you to enjoy a talk, presentation and special display of beadwork items, followed by morning tea on Tuesday 10 August 10am at the Royal WA Historical Society at 49 Broadway, Nedlands. Entry: \$20 (Donation to RWAHS Auxiliary) Bookings and enquiries:

(08) 9386-3841 (9.30 - 5pm weekdays) (08) 9387-2864 (A/H)

fax: (08) 9386-3309 email: histwest@git.com.au

Oral History Courses

Beginners' interviewing

The Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch Inc) will be conducting oral history beginners' interviewing courses at the National Trust Headquarters, West Perth from 9am to 4.30pm on the following Saturdays in 2010:

- 28 August and
- 13 November.

These courses provide 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. The Beginners course covers the importance of ethical practice and informed consent when undertaking interviews and gives participants practical information and tips for setting up the interview, conducting the interview 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.

The cost of the full day workshop is \$88 and this includes notes, the Oral History Association Handbook and a DVD. Coffee and tea is provided but participants must BYO their own lunch. There is parking available at the venue.

For an application form and/or further details, please contact Doug Ayre on Mob. 0430 405 633 or email: history@westnet.com.au

Oral History Digital Workshops

Oral History Digital Workshops will be held during 2010 at the State Library of Western Australia from 1pm-5pm on the following dates:

- Monday 20 September 2010
- Friday 19 November 2010

For more details, please contact

Dr Mary Anne Jebb	9433 2793	Mob: 0400 245 651
Denise Cook	9537 2265	Mob 0408 927 989

These practical workshops focus on using digital recorders to produce the highest standard of oral history recordings. The hands on workshops aim to help members gain skills and confidence in using the Marantz PMD 660 and Marantz PMD 671 digital recorders that are available for hire from the Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch) and are used in many other West Australian organisations for recording oral histories.

Topics to be addressed include:

- Using the equipment to record and play back
- understanding and using flash cards
- setting input levels
- monitoring sound levels
- setting up the recorder and microphones
- Transferring sound files from the digital recorder to the computer
- Burning sound files on to CDs and/or DVDs
- Basic sound editing for PC and Mac (using WavePad and Pro Tools software)

Registration Fee: \$50. To register your place at this workshop, please contact Denise Cook on 0408 927 989 or djcook@iprimus.com.au

Websites of interest

Friends of Battye Library Inc.

The Friends of Battye Library website is updated frequently <http://www.friendsofbattyelibrary.org.au>

Police Gazette of Western Australia (1876 to 1889, 1899 - 1900)

The *Police Gazette of Western Australia* (1876 onwards) is a valuable resource for researching police and criminals in Western Australia. Information can be found under various headings: apprehensions (name of person arrested, arresting constable, charge and sentence); police appointments, dismissals, discharges, promotions, resignations and transfers; tickets of leave, certificates of freedom, and conditional pardons issued to convicts; physical descriptions of prisoners etc.

With thanks to the Friends of Battye Library and the Sholl Bequest, the *Police Gazettes* 1876-1900 have been digitised and are fully text searchable. www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/western_australian/police_gazettes

Australian Newspapers Online

News from the National Library of Australia's Australian newspapers online project is that work has started on digitising more of the *West Australian* and we should see some more online articles for the period 1901-1954 appearing over the next couple of months. See newspapers on line at <http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

Conference notice

(Re)Viewing History: Australian Historical Association Biennial Conference

5-9 July 2010

This conference will be held in Perth at the University of Western Australia and the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle from 5-9 July 2010.

It is the first time it has been held here since 1994 and provides a terrific opportunity to participate in a very rich intellectual program. All people interested in history are encouraged to attend.

- Six major keynote speakers drawn from Australia, England and New Zealand
- Eight distinguished Australian historians invited to contribute to high level debate either as respondents to keynote addresses or leading a special Round Table forum on the major issues in Australian history.
- A wide variety of papers presented by local, national and international historians

With the importance of history recognised by its inclusion in the national curriculum for schools, this is a most interesting time to focus on historical research in Australia.

The conference website is <http://www.ahareviewinghistory.com/index.html>

Asst/Professor Jean Chetkovich

Director, Centre for Western Australian History

Convenor (Re)Viewing History, AHA Conference 5-9 July 2010

Communities of memory

Biennial conference of the Oral History Association of Australia

State Library of Victoria Conference Centre, Melbourne, Victoria
Melbourne, Victoria
30 September- 2 October 2011

Call for papers

In recent years memory has been an increasingly significant resource for many different types of communities: for survivors of natural catastrophe and human-made disaster; in country towns dealing with demographic and environmental change; for cities and suburbs in constant transformation; in the preservation of special places or the restitution of human rights; for the 'Forgotten Australians' and 'Stolen Generations'; for migrants and refugees creating new lives; among virtual communities sharing life stories online. Memories are used to foster common identity and purpose, to recover hidden histories and silenced stories, to recall change in the past and advocate change in the present, to challenge stereotypes and speak truth to power. The concept of 'community' can be enlisted for change or conservatism; 'communities of memory' can be inclusive and empowering, or exclusive and silencing.

Oral historians, in a variety of guises and combining age-old listening skills with dazzling new technologies, play important roles in this memory work. Our conference welcomes participants who use oral history in their work with and within communities of memory across the many fields and disciplines that contribute to community, public and academic histories. We invite proposals for individual presentations, workshops and thematic panels. The conference will include history walks and tours that introduce participants to Melbourne's rich and diverse communities of memory. Oral history training workshops will be held on the Thursday prior to the conference (29 September).

Conference sub-themes will include, but are not limited to:

- Memory and Catastrophe
- Memory Work for Human Rights
- Indigenous Memory
- Place, Community, Memory
- Communities of Identity
- Contested Communities
- Communities of Gender and Sexuality
- Migrants and Refugees
- Communities of Work or Leisure
- Activist Communities
- War Memories
- Generational Communities
- Theories of Collective and Community Memory
- New Approaches to Recording Lives
- New Technologies for Documenting Memory and History
- Memory Work in Creative and Fictional Writing
- Ethical Issues in Memory Work
- Training Community Oral Historians

We welcome proposals for presentations in a variety of formats and media, including standard paper presentations (typically 20 minutes); short accounts of work in progress (typically 5 minutes); participatory workshops; and thematic panels comprising several presenters. Presentations should involve oral history. Contact the organizers at ohaa2011@gmail.com if you would like to discuss the format or focus of your presentation before you submit it. Proposals for presentations / papers / panels should be no more than 200 words (single space, 12 point font in Times New Roman) and must include at the top your name, institutional affiliation (if applicable), postal address, phone number and email address, the title for your

presentation / panel, the sub-theme/s your work best connects to, and the presentation format (standard paper, short account of work in progress, thematic panel or participatory workshop). Presenters will be encouraged to submit papers to the refereed Journal of the Oral History Association of Australia (ranked in the ERA journal list), which aims to produce a theme issue about Communities of Memory.

Proposals should be uploaded to:

<http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ohaa2011>

To use this online system you will need to create an author account (a simple process) and then submit your proposal either by attaching it (with full details as listed above) as a PDF or by using the copy/paste function.

If you are unable to use this system please email your proposal to ohaa2011@gmail.com

Closing date 31 October 2010. (<http://www.ohaa.net.au>)

More conferences, seminars and workshops

iXVI. International Oral History Conference in Prague, Czech Republic

7-11 July 2010. Prague

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. See www.ioha2010prague.com

Australian Historical Association Biennial Conference - (Re)Viewing History

5 to 9 July 2010 - University of Western Australia and University of Notre Dame.

Registrations are now open. See the website [www.ahareviewinghistory.com/.](http://www.ahareviewinghistory.com/)

The Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) has two very timely symposia coming in July:

13 July

Climate Change Policy in WA, Australia and the World: What Next?

Convenor: David Hodgkinson, a member of The Hodgkinson Group, co-author of Global Climate Change: Australian Law and Policy, and Associate Professor with the School of Law UWA

After the widely perceived failure of the Copenhagen climate change conference, the absence of any post-2012 international climate change agreement and the likely defeat of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) in the Senate, what's next for climate change policy in WA, Australia and the world? In a federal election year, what political strategies will need to be adopted to make greater progress on tackling climate change? This seminar brings together participants from government, business, academia and the non-profit sector to examine these questions. This seminar is free, but prior registration is essential.

14th July

Dialogue on Data Linkage - Health

Data linkage brings together information about a person, family or event from different sources. This makes it possible to link together information about large numbers of people without identifying individuals, which gives us a picture of the health of our community and how it changes over time. This information can be used to plan and improve health services for the population. This is the first in a series of dialogues on data linkage. The dialogue on health is co-sponsored by the Institute of Advanced Studies at UWA, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Population Health Research Network and Scitech.

When: Wednesday, 14th July 2010, 9am-4pm (registration from 8.30am)

Venue: University Club Banquet Hall, UWA

Registration Cost: \$100 | Concession Card Holders - \$75

More information on how to register for these two events will be available from our website - www.ias.uwa.edu.au/conf

Institute of Advanced Studies, The University of Western Australia, M021, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley WA

Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch Inc.)

Voices of Change : Tracking communities using oral history

18 to 19 September 2010 Jarrahdale

Oral history has become an increasingly significant resource which has allowed communities to track their stories. The oral historian plays an important part enabling communities to gather these stories and present them to the wider community.

Jarrahdale is an important place in Western Australian history as the location of the first major timber milling operation in the state and situated just 30 minutes from Armadale on the Albany Highway. During the 1890s boom years following the discovery of gold, timber was in great demand, and Jarrahdale evolved as a major contributor to the growth of Western Australia's economy. By the turn of the century the town had become the fourth largest community in the state after Perth, Bunbury and Kalgoorlie. Six timber mills were in operation and over 2,000 people relied on the magnificent Jarrah trees for their livelihood.

Recent archival and archaeological research has shown that the original timber settlement was located within a section of the area now known as the 'Jarrahdale Heritage Park'. The area is historically and archaeologically valuable because of the presence of many undisturbed artefacts such as railway tracks and sleepers, mill foundations, mill chimney fragments, log landing areas, and remnants of mill machinery.

It is intended that the completed Heritage Park project will provide visitors with an insight into Jarrahdale's rich social and industrial history, which played such a vital role in the economic growth of Western Australia.

Association for Preservation Technology International 2010 Conference

October 6-9 October, Denver, USA

The 2010 Conference theme is 'Layers Across Time: Preserving a Diverse Western Heritage', and sub-themes are

- Materials-What We Use to Build
- Structures-What We Build
- Growth of the West-How our Built Environment Evolved
- Sustainability and Preservation-How we Maintain our Built Environment

ICOMOS Scientific Symposium

Changing World, Changing Views of Heritage: The Impact of Global Change on Cultural Heritage

28 October 2010, Dublin, Ireland

Themes are The Heritage of Changing/Evolving Communities; Diasporic, Immigrant, and Indigenous Heritage; Religious Heritage; Sites of Conscience; The Social Impacts of Global Climate Change (GCC).

1st International Conservation & Restoration Exhibition of Environmental and Architectonic Heritage,

3-5 November 2010, Chile

See <http://www.stgoparc.cl>

EuroMed2010 –Digital Cultural Heritage and Digital Libraries

November 8 - 13th, 2010, Limassol, Cyprus

Focuses on interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research concerning both cutting edge Cultural Heritage Informatics and use of technology for the representation, documentation, preservation, archiving and

communication of CH knowledge. The scope includes standards, metadata and every phase of CH information technology: initial data capture/digitization, information/ data processing, reconstruction, visualization and documentation as well as dissemination of results to the scientific and cultural heritage communities and to the general public (Multilingua, Multimedia Digital Library), and also legal, IPR and ethical responsibilities of Cultural Heritage Informatics. See <http://www.euromed2010.eu>

Interpretation Australia's 2010 national conference: Peeling Back the Layers

10-12 November 2010, Launceston, Tasmania

This event will showcase world's best practise in using interpretation to provide enriching authentic experiences for visitors and to better connect communities to the many layers of their historical, cultural and natural heritage. For more information contact: abby.clifton@launceston.tas.gov.au.

15th Workshop – Congress on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies

15-17 November 2010, Vienna.

Theme: In/Visible Towns - Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in Urban Areas.

See <http://www.stadtarchaelogie.at>

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Courses

World Heritage: Conserving Cultural Heritage Values

5-9 July at Port Arthur, Tasmania

The course will be taught by a team of highly-regarded heritage professionals including Professor Sharon Sullivan, the Honourable Dr Barry Jones, Joan Domicelj, Kristal Buckley and Dr Jane Harrington. Other Port Arthur and ANU staff will also assist. See IPPHA website at: <http://rsh.anu.au/ippha>

UNESCO Conventions for non-lawyers

13-17 July 2010, University of Queensland

There will be a one-week professional development course on the international legal standards and practices for heritage protection at the University of Queensland from 13-17 July 2010. See <http://www.emsah.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=114407&pid=37084>

Best Practice in Managing Heritage Places

27 September - 1 October at Port Arthur, Tasmania

The course will be taught by eminent heritage professionals Dr Michael Pearson and Professor Sharon Sullivan. Port Arthur and ANU staff will also assist. See IPPHA website at: <http://rsh.anu.edu.au/ippha>.

ICCROM course – First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Conflict

17 September — 29 October 2010, Rome, with study visits to other cities in Italy

In the past decades, armed conflicts worldwide have involved deliberate or accidental damage to cultural heritage. Consequently, it is essential for everyone working in these areas to understand how and when to intervene to protect endangered cultural heritage while humanitarian efforts are under way. See http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train_en/announce_en/2010_09courseCHconflict_en.shtml

Awards

Australian Prime Ministers Centre

Summer Scholarship Opportunities 2010–11

The Australian Prime Ministers Centre offers Summer Scholarships to support research projects

which investigate the lives, achievements and governments of Australia's prime ministers.

Summer Scholarships are open to students undertaking studies at final-year Honours or postgraduate level. Summer Scholars may work on a project relating to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House's public history program or may propose an independent research topic. All projects should draw on at least one collection of prime ministerial material held in Australia or overseas. Projects which generate new ideas across cultural and academic boundaries are particularly encouraged.

Summer Scholarship applications close on 1 October 2010. The Australian Prime Ministers Centre is a core component of the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House. The Centre combines a research library with an exhibition showcasing more than a century of political leadership. For application forms and further information about the program see http://apmc.oph.gov.au/research_scholarship.html

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The Best in Heritage

23 – 25 September 2010, Dubrovnik, Croatia

The Best in Heritage is an annual presentation of the best, awarded projects in museums, heritage and conservation. A Creative Heritage Forum (CHF), a special session on excellence and innovation, will also be part of the event. www.thebestinheritage.com/event/programme/

History in the news – Did you see these stories?

“Memorabilia display”, *Stirling Times*, 11/5/2010, p. 3. Stirling Council has set aside \$30 000 to better display its memorabilia in its civic buildings. Items include historical plaques, photos and a Mayoral desk.

“Big turn-up for school's sake”, *Stirling Times*, 4/5/2010, p. 3. On Sunday 25 April Tuart Hill Primary School celebrated its centenary, with a ceremony, displays, opening a time capsule, and a fete.

“The week all wrapped up”, *The Sunday Times*, 2/5/2010, p. 52. The State Government will provide \$5m to repair earthquake-affected buildings in Kalgoorlie.

“Memorial on heritage list”, *The Sunday Times*, 25/4/2010, p. 8. WA's first memorial to Aboriginal servicemen in Collie will be permanently listed on the State Register of Heritage Places.

“Recalling locals who fought at Gallipoli”, *Stirling Times*, 6/4/2010, p. 3. Carine MLA Tony Krsticevic is presenting the book “Gallipoli: The Western Australia Story” by Wes Olson to every school in his electorate.

“Unique Stirling residence heritage-listed”, *Stirling Times*, 23/2/2010, p. 58. The 1976 Brutalist style home at 38 Sycamore Rise in Dianella - named “Marsala House” is now entered into the State Register of Heritage Places. It is considered one of the best of architect Iwan Iwanoff's designs.

“WA talent shines in mini-series”, *The Sunday Times*, 21/2/2010, p. 28. Many WA actors will star in the upcoming TV production of Tim Winton's classic novel “Cloudstreet”, set in Perth's suburbs decades ago.

“Digging up old Boans”, *The Sunday Times*, 21/2/2010, p. 22. Surprisingly, two new operators were able to register and open the “Boans Department Store” in Busselton; however the name that was trademarked to the old Boans empire was Boans Ltd.

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Some new books

Buchanan, Bruce, with the assistance of Buchanan, Anne [eds.] . *The journal of Gerald de Courcy Lefroy*. Carlisle: Hesperian Press, 2009. [Gerald de Courcy Lefroy (b.1819, d 1877)]

Clack, A. M. (Anthony M.) *Glorious apostle: a history of the Catholic Church in York*. York, W.A.: A.M. Clack, c2009.

Erickson, Dorothy. *Gold & silversmithing in Western Australia: a history*. Nedlands: UWA Press, 2010. [A superbly illustrated account of WA jewellery designers and makers.]

Hopkins, Leckie and Roarty, Lynn. *Among the chosen: the life story of Pat Giles*. Fremantle: Fremantle Press, 2010. [A well researched biography of WA feminist, activist, and Federal ALP Senator.]

Pascoe, Rob & Thompson, Frances. *In old Kalgoorlie: the photographs of J. J. Dwyer*. Welshpool, W.A.: Western Australian Museum, 2010.

Thompson, John. *Documents that shaped Australia: records of a nation's heritage*. Millers Point, N.S.W.: Pier 9, 2010.

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Some dates in WA History

June

- 1 June 1837 Bank of Western Australia opens for business.
- 1 June 1850 the first convicts arrive on the Scindian.
- 1 June 1870 the Perth Town Hall officially opens.
- 1 June 1892 the first inter-school rowing contest at the Fremantle Regatta.
- 4 June 1629 the Batavia wrecks on Houtman's Abrolhos Islands.
- 4 June 1924 Perth's first radio station 6 WF begins broadcasting.
- 6 June 1885 the first AFL match to be played in Perth is won by East Perth Rovers, defeating Victorians.
- 10 June 1829 birth of Joseph Mitchell, first white child born in the colony, on board The Sulphur.
- 14 June 1929 Metropolitan markets in Wellington Street open (they close in 1989)
- 15 June 1838 first local government legislation is made: The Town Improvement Act.
- 16 June 1904 the Horseshoe Bridge is officially opened
- 17 June 1846 Governor Clarke makes all WA schools open to children of all classes, sexes and religions.
- 20 June 1901 Alexander Forrest dies (explorer and Mayor of Perth).
- 21 June 1869 the first telegraph line in WA is opened between Perth and Fremantle.
- 21 June 1887 the foundation stone of the Victoria Public Library (predecessor to SLWA and Battye Library) is laid in St George's Terrace.
- 21 June 1899 a Perth branch of the Royal Mint is opened.
- 22 June 1834 services commence at first Methodist Church in Perth.
- 23 June 1840 commencement of a monthly Perth-Albany mail service.
- 23 June 1966 the first ore train travels on the Hamersley railway.
- 25 June 1908 the WA Art Gallery is opened.

July

- 1 July 1889 Great Southern Railway opens for traffic.
- 9 July 1839 first theatrical performance in Perth (Love a la Militaire)
- 12 July 1979 debris from USA space station Skylab falls in WA's south west.
- 13 July 1982 WA's first test-tube baby, Jarrad Carter, is born at KEMH.
- 19 July 1958 last tram service in Perth. The tram is now preserved at Whiteman Park.
- 20 July 1963 first stage of the Ord River Scheme opens.
- 22 July 1863 first WA Divorce Act passed.
- 24 July 1983 first legal two-up game in WA is played near Kalgoorlie
- 25 July 1973 Murdoch University is established.
- 26 July 1879 the first Government Railway (Geraldton-Northampton) opens.
- 26 July 1882 *The Daily News* became the first daily paper in Perth.
- 30 July 1908 Dr Ferguson Stewart is charged with driving a car along Adelaide Terrace at a speed greater than 12 miles an hour, and fined 3 pounds, with 14 shillings costs.
- 30 July 1942 Port Hedland is bombed by Japanese planes.
- 31 July 1900 WA votes in favour of Federation.
- July 1916 King Edward Memorial Hospital established as a maternity hospital

July 1958 Roe Street brothels closed.

July 1958 Perth City Council implement parking scheme, including meters.

August

1 August 1854 first WA adhesive postage stamp issued.

1 August 1894 J.S.Battye begins his 60-year tenure as head of the Public Library.

7 August 1912 Kingsley Fairbridge opens a farm school for British migrant children at Pinjarra.

10 August 1914 Blackboy Hill Camp opens for training troops.

16 August 1832 first will proven in the Civil Court, Perth.

17 August 1832 William Nairn Clark kills George French Johnson in a duel at Fremantle.

17 August 1899 women win the right to vote in WA.

19 August 1977 WA's most powerful earthquake of 7.3 magnitude strikes the Port Hedland area.

21 August 1943 WA's Dorothy Tangney becomes Australia's first woman senator.

26 August 1925 Audrey Jacob shoots Cyril Gidley on the dance floor of the government House Ballroom but is acquitted of murder.

27 August 1842 boys from Parkhurst prison arrive at Perth.

28 August 1885 first gold found in the Kimberley.

29 August 1836 despatch to the British Government suggests that experiments in cotton and sugar growing should be made in the northern parts of the colony.

31 August 1847 first meeting of the Education Board of WA.

August 1919 rioting in Kalgoorlie: All "foreigners" are evicted.

August 1958 Perth Chest Hospital (later titled Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital) opened.

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Perth Town Hall 1870.
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