

# newsletter

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Council

## History Matters a message from your President

A busy year is well underway for the History Council and I am sure those of you who attended, enjoyed the walking tour of East Perth last weekend. We hope to work with more exciting tourism ventures such as Two Feet and a Heartbeat, to ensure that Perth's history and heritage is promoted.

We have also been considering the draft Australian History Curriculum and the Council will be involved and provide input into the consultation process.

The issue of adequate funding for the arts and for arts related institutions, the Art Gallery, the Museum, the Library and the State Records Office, continues to absorb our attention and time. It is appalling to hear that these institutions face further budget cuts this year. All are suffering already and further cuts will mean they cannot fulfill the roles required of them. The arts, history and heritage, must be a core, well funded and permanent part of public policy. The Council will be working hard in cooperation with a range of other groups to provide a unified voice on the many values of public funding for the arts. The connections between culture and heritage, community and economic development must be promoted.

I thank you all for your support and involvement to date and I hope you will continue to use all your networks to get our message across. Please contact us should you have advocacy ideas and continue to check our website for news.

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

Easter	2-5 April
Foundation Day	Monday 7 June
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](mailto:office@historycouncilwa.org.au) or write to:  
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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](mailto:office@historycouncilwa.org.au)

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

## Australia Day Awards 2010

### Member (AM) in the General Division

History Council of Western Australia inaugural President, Professor Jenny Gregory and our current President, Dr Sue Graham-Taylor have both been recognised for their work and achievements in this year's awards. History Council member, Professor David Black was also honoured in the same category. My thanks to the Friends of Battye Library who put their notice around so promptly which has assisted me to copy some of the information that appears below:

#### **Dr Susan Heather Graham-Taylor**

*... for service to conservation and the environment through executive roles with a range of organisations, through the development of protective measures relating to air quality and the management of waste, and as an historian;*

Sue was the inaugural James Sykes Battye Memorial Fellow for her work on the history of the Swan River. Some of Sue's work can be viewed on a special website 'Swan River Stories: a social, political and environmental history of Perth Water' at the State Library of WA [http://slwa.wa.gov.au/swan\\_river](http://slwa.wa.gov.au/swan_river)

#### **Professor Jenny Gregory**

*... for service to the community as an historian and academic and through the promotion and preservation of local and regional history in Western Australia;*

For many years Jenny has taught history at the University of Western Australia's and is the author of historical works including 'City of Light: A History of Perth Since the 1950s'. Most recently she has been the driving force behind the publication of the 'Historical Encyclopedia of Western Australia' and is its co-editor with Jan Gothard. Jenny was also Inaugural President of the History Council of WA.

#### **Professor David William Black**

*... for service to education and to the social sciences, particularly through the promotion and preservation of the political and parliamentary history of WA;*

For more than 25 years, David has been Chairperson of the Parliamentary History Advisory Committee in WA, responsible for guiding the Western Australian Parliamentary History Project and its oral history program. In 2004 he was appointed as a Parliamentary Fellow (History). David is the author of numerous works including: 'House to House: The story of Western Australia's Government and Parliament Houses over 175 years', which he co-authored with the late Phillip Pandal.

**Congratulations Sue, Jenny and David!**

### **East Perth walking tour with Two Feet and a Heartbeat**

**Sunday 21 March 2010**

Twenty one History Council members and friends embarked on a walking tour from Queens Gardens to Claisebrook Cove led by Ryan Zaknich of Two Feet & a Heartbeat assisted by Ryan Mossny. Luckily the weather was not too hot and we were fanned by a cooling breeze as we took in the sights of East Perth including the old Perth Girls High School and the cemetery, before the tour ended at the revitalised Claisebrook Cove for a cuppa.

Ryan also told us about the Coolbaroo Club that once operated in the area. A film has been made about the club directed by Roger Scholes, in collaboration with Aboriginal historian and author, Steve Kinnane, a link to a movie about the club can be found at <http://www.ro n i n f i l m s . c o m . a u / f e a t u r e / + a A . h t m l>

The tour was well organised with Ryan Z leading the group and Ryan M walking at the back to

make sure nobody got lost or had an accident. The tour leader was supplied with a wealth of knowledge and anecdotes from our members about the area and I am sure they will incorporate this information into future tours. The company also run exploration tours of perth and Fremantle. check out their website for more details [www.twofeet.com.au](http://www.twofeet.com.au).

History council members have been offered a discount if they wish to book any walking tours with Two Feet. Contact [office@historycouncilwa.org.au](mailto:office@historycouncilwa.org.au) for details.



### Here are some comments from some of the participants:

I found the tour interesting and enjoyable. the two guides were very considerate, knowledgeable and keen to learn more themselves too, from some of those with considerable information to share. It was good to see two young men showing such commitment to Perth and its history. (Pat Gallaher)

Excellent (Anthea Harris)

I enjoyed the experience and think it is a worthwhile venture. The link to the Aboriginal experience in East Perth is excellent, especially in relation to restrictions placed on Aboriginal residents and Forrest's tracker [Tommy Windich]. Although Ryan is still 'meating out' the skeleton of the tour the information on East Perth would be very interesting for the public. More detail on the cemetery, Gloucester Park and Haig Park would add interest to the walk. (Meredith Southee)

[**Editor's note:** In 1975 Meredith wrote *East Perth, 1884-1904 : a suburban society* which was a groundbreaking study analysing quantitative information from sources such as early rate books.]



History Council members on the East Perth walking tour.  
1. Gathering at Queens Gardens and 2. Viewing the old East Perth Cemetery. (Photos courtesy Julia Wallis)

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## East Perth Power Station Project Report - February 2010

Now I would like to see her,  
remain just sitting there.  
As part of our State's history,  
for everyone to share.  
['Snow' Pick EPPS gatekeeper, 1981.]

There is still no news of a government decision on an end user for the heritage site. This is disappointing when the promise of revitalisation as a centre of exhibitions for the Western Australian Museum was so close in the last year of the Labor government. Nevertheless the project has finalised its research and is ready to collaborate with any future heritage interpreters to present the powerhouse story on site for the public.

The project's major oral history collection, comprising 125 interviews with former workers and local consumers of electricity, is complete and has been lodged in the J S Battye Library of West Australian History and the Town of Vincent local studies Library.

Construction of the website is nearing completion and the team is hoping to view and trial it sometime in May. The website uses many visuals and excerpts from oral interviews together with the more technical material on the power station to make viewing both an enjoyable and interesting experience.

Book publication is also progressing to completion with the editing of chapters and finalising of the manuscript. There are chapters on work at the powerhouse; apprentices and their training; health, safety and welfare; and the technologies of power. The place of the powerhouse in its suburb is also examined – the changing river foreshore from Claise Brook to Walters Brook; Indigenous histories of East Perth; and industrial East Perth in growth and decline. As well there are chapters on the impact of the powerhouse – its environmental impact; and its impact in electrifying the city, the home and powering the expanding electricity grid. Finally the heritage history of the site post-closure is told.

There will be a launch of the website and then the book in the next twelve months. We promise a good read.

Lenore Layman & Neil Byrne  
Project co-ordinators

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## Anglican Orphanage records now available for research at the Battye Library

In 2007 the Anglican Archives in Perth was awarded a Community Heritage Grant, part of which was for a Significance Assessment of the archives. Recommendation number seven from this report identified the need to microfilm the early orphanage records - some of the collection's rarer and most significant records - and provide them to the Battye Library.

In August 2009 this was partly accomplished when 12 archival boxes were sent to David Whiteford and his team for microfilming. Too fragile for research in the past, these volumes are now available to the general public and will hopefully give historians a new source of information on early childcare in Perth.

The records span the years 1872 to 1955 and include Matrons' Diaries of Swan Boys Orphanage 1898-1900. These hand written accounts of the boys' daily small illnesses and Matrons' remedies make for very interesting reading. There are also financial Records of the Swan Boys Orphanage 1903-1915 and Swan Native and Half Caste Missions 1893-1915, account and statement books for Redhill Industry School for Boys 1903-1908 and Industrial Farm 1920-1922, Accounts and expenditure for St. George's Girl's Lodge 1897 -1904 and Minutes of the Perth Protestant Orphanage Committee 1881-1888.



Hopefully in 2010 the Anglican Orphanage Committee Minutes 1899-1952 will also be copied. Thanks go to Jennie Carter who did the Significance Assessment of the Anglican Church Archives in May 2008 and David Whiteford for his ongoing support and advice in organising microfilming of archives in our collection by the Battye Library.

The records are available for research at Battye Library's Private Archives collection reference no. MN 614, Perth Orphanages, Acc. 7203A

Annie Q. Medley,  
Diocesan Archivist  
Anglican Church, Perth

## March is Women's History Month - Highlight: Land Girls

Women's History Month is held annually world-wide to acknowledge the role of women in making and shaping history. It began in the United States in 1978, and reached Australia in 2000 (See <http://www.womenshistory.com.au>).

Each year a theme is chosen, and in 2010 it is "Demeter's Daughters: Women's Harvest History" [Demeter is the Greek Goddess of Agriculture]. Events will showcase women on the land, including the indigenous, the early settlers and last century's migrants, and displays will cover native food, introduced crops, livestock and vineyards. One of the major topics will be World War 2's Land Girls.

In 1942 The Australian Women's Land Army was established by the Curtin Government under the Directorate of Manpower to help overcome labour shortages in agricultural areas. It was vital work, aiding civilians and servicemen (Australian and American) alike. Recruitment posters included slogans like "If you can't fight, you can farm", and a poem written about the Women's Land Army contained the line the division subsequently adopted of "girls with grit". It was a voluntary not an enlisted service, and the minimum wage was 30 shillings a week plus board, or 50 shillings a week if no board. Girls could enlist fulltime (minimum service of 12 months) or on an auxiliary basis (to do a 4 week period, often for seasonal work like fruit picking).

Western Australia joined the other states in this scheme: There was one officer in each state responsible for the selection, enrolment, discipline and welfare of the women, and Eileen Grace (Sally) Carlton was the Superintendent in WA. Farmers preferred people with elementary training, and because recruiters targeted the cities most of the girls were unskilled, so training camps were set up, like at Fairbridge Farm in Pinjarra. 35% of WA's girls aged were 18 or less.

Placements for WA recruits included the Manjimup Tobacco Plantation and the Boyup Brook Flax Mill, and properties in Albany, Bunbury, Bridgetown and Donnybrook. The land girls reported mixed feelings about their service: They liked the travel, the camaraderie and the chance to "do their bit", but conditions were hard. They were subject to sexual harassment, community prejudices and exploitation (some farmers wanted them to child-mind as well); there were accidents, homesickness, personality clashes and a lack of privacy, bad weather, scarce equipment, and poor meals and accommodation. But the girls also enjoyed films, dances and paddling in dams, which offset the tough jobs of fires, soil tilling, sheep-dipping, hay harvesting, and the castration and destroying of animals.



Land Army women ploughing. (Courtesy Battye Library 047240PD)

The Land Armies were disbanded in 1945; 50% of the girls were married within 2 years (including to local farmers), and though some continued working on the land, the majority returned to the cities to traditional office roles.

For many years, the service of the girls was mostly overlooked by officialdom, even though some farmers had written testimonials to their capability and versatility. Only recently have the women received medals, and they had to fight to march in Victory and Anzac Day parades. (One woman noted they were "squeezed in at the back"). However, books, oral histories and exhibitions like those planned in Women's History Month are helping raise awareness of this important contribution to Australia and the Allies' wartime success.

Leith Robinson

## **Proposed closure of National Archives in Hobart, Darwin and Adelaide**

By now many members will be aware of news of the planned closure of the National Archives offices in Darwin, Hobart and Adelaide over the next two and a half years. Thanks to protests from historians, archivists, librarians and researchers across the country, including a strong representation from the History Council of WA, the threatened closure of some of these branches have been averted for the time being. It is important, however, to remain aware of this issue and the History Council will continue to monitor the situation.

### **Position Statement on National Archives of Australia threatened Closures Issued 4 March 2010 by the Australian Society of Archivists (ASA)**

The Australian Society of Archivists (ASA) opposes the closure of the National Archives of Australia's (NAA) offices and physical presence in Darwin, Hobart and Adelaide. The projected net savings to be achieved through the closure or relocation of NAA offices and collections are trivial compared to the long term practical and symbolic damage to the evidence and memory of Australian society and government administration.

The closure or relocation of offices will diminish NAA's role in facilitating open and accountable Government. It will also diminish the opportunity for citizens in all states and territories to understand past experiences and connect these experiences to the present and future directions of Australia.

#### **1. NAA has an ongoing responsibility to record creators as well as record users**

The NAA has a responsibility beyond the records held currently in its collections. NAA's professional archivists need to work directly with records creators in each of the states and territories so the essential evidence of government actions and decisions is not lost as technological and organisational environments change. The permanent presence of professional archivists in all states and territories allows Commonwealth responsibilities and services to be closely aligned to local needs and priorities.

#### **2. Digitisation is not the answer for all**

Digitisation is beneficial to many users with particular needs, but it is an expensive endeavour that does not offer a suitable substitute for research access to original records in their context. It is delusional, particularly given current pressures to reduce costs, to assume that within the timeframe of the proposed closures or relocations of NAA's collections it is possible to digitise the entire collection and ensure all individual records are adequately described for universal retrieval while also ensuring all personal and sensitive information is appropriately protected. In practice, NAA's digitisation program is necessarily selective and primarily satisfies only the needs of some segments of the research community. Digitisation programs require everyone to have equal access to the internet and other technologies.

It can, therefore, introduce new inequities if physical access to professional archival services is not available in all states and territories.

#### **3. Professional archivists must be appointed to deliver archival services**

Government archives need to make the investment in employing professional archivists who are qualified and skilled in providing entry points into the billions of government records held across the country.

Archivists provide contextualised pathways enabling any researchers to meaningfully interpret and reuse records in an informed manner. Additionally archivists link records of the past with the records of current Government activities. Archivists, therefore, play a critical role in facilitating Government transparency and accountability. Unless the Commonwealth Government engages professionally qualified and experienced archivists in all states and territories, then equity of access to complete meaningful and trustworthy records within a democracy will not be achieved.

Equity of access is also dependent upon the presence of professional reference archivists in the regional offices to assist the public with their unique knowledge, their awareness of other records and to help individuals navigate records collections which may hold significant personal

resonances, particularly in the case of indigenous communities.

#### **4. The true costs and implications of co-location for others must be identified and fully considered in consultation with stakeholders**

The ASA supports co-location models provided they are fully explored with all possible repercussions understood and considered within a framework of genuine consultation with all stakeholders, including the ASA. The ASA is particularly concerned that co-location models may offer a local service for current research priorities, but not necessarily for records creators or other research needs or interests. Additionally co-location that focuses only on records currently held in the custody of regional offices may mean that records series and collections will be fragmented across Australia increasing the cost and complexity of access, management and control of records. It is the ASA's view that co-location projects planned with like-minded research institutions should be mutually beneficial, ensure professional archival standards and practices are in place without any additional stress on other under-resourced segments of the cultural and collecting sector.

#### **Acknowledgments:**

The ASA Council would like to acknowledge all the ASA members who have participated in this robust discussion and thank them for their valuable contributions in the formulation, drafting and finalisation of this position statement.

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## **State Library News**

### **Our Page in History**

Since the launch of Our Page in History in November last year The State Library of Western Australia Foundation has rolled out the first Public Library at the Bassendean Memorial Library. The Hon Donna Faragher, Minister for Environment; Youth and the Member for the East Metropolitan region officially launched the first Our Page in History Booth in Bassendean on Wednesday 3 February. Local history practitioners were in attendance as well as various groups associated with the Bassendean Library.

Our Page in History aims to raise money to digitise the collection of the State Library of Western Australia. Those interested can subscribe to the site using the promotional code of libprom. (Go to the bottom of the payment section under "Get involved" and type in as the alternate code). The Foundation encourages members to start building their own family histories and link them to towns to begin the process of storing the community memory. Our Page in History is in its infancy – we plan to spend the next two years working across the state to collect stories and images - groups like the History Council of WA and its member organisations are critical to our success!

Should you have any questions at all, feel free to call the Foundation on 9427 3105 or 9427 3351 or [info@ourpageinhistory.org](mailto:info@ourpageinhistory.org)

### **The Royal Flying Doctor Service (WA); the Past, the Present and the Way of the Future.**

This exhibition tells the story of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Western Australia since its inception in 1934 through to today and beyond. View photographs, model planes and equipment used by medical

staff in their quest to provide emergency health care to those on remote stations, settlements and towns throughout the State. Learn how communication technologies have changed from pedal operated wireless and Morse code receivers to transistorised radios and mobile phones. This exhibition runs from 10th April -23rd May 2010

### **Digitisation at the State Library**

The State Library of Western Australia is responsible for a state collection of library material, including a comprehensive collection of material relating to Western Australia and its people. The collections include books, journals, maps, printed music, pictures, manuscripts and oral history recordings.

Reformatting, primarily by microfilming and digitisation, has enabled the State Library to both preserve collections and employ innovative ways of providing access to its collections. By reformatting its collections the Library aims to build more accessible content relating to Western Australia's documentary and cultural heritage to support research and library programs; and, to preserve rare and fragile collections.

In addition to these objectives the Library has further specific goals relating to digitisation:

- To enable people, regardless of location, to directly access and use a range of collection materials without having to visit the Library; and,
- to engage with new audiences by making collections available online and through innovative technologies.

Over the past three months the State Library has digitised over 700 objects from the Battye Library collections, and over the coming months this figure will grow exponentially.

Sarah Brown

### **Western Australian Premier's Book Awards – Call for Entries**

The State Library of Western Australia announces the Call for Entries for the 2008 and 2009 Western Australian Premier's Book Awards.

The 2008 and 2009 Awards will be judged separately but presented at one function in early September 2010.

Entry is open to books and scripts which have been published/produced between 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008 (2008 Awards) and 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 (2009 Awards). For the first time, entry has been opened nationally. To be eligible authors must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia or whose work has Australia as its primary focus. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 31 March 2010.

There are six categories in the Awards: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's Book, Writing for Young Adults, Poetry and Scripts. The State Library of Western Australia West Australian History Award is selected from works submitted to the above categories.

The Premier's Prize of \$25,000 is presented to the overall winner, chosen from the category winners. Prize money is made available by the Western Australian Government. The West Australian History Award is sponsored by the State Library of Western Australia. Short listed entries will be announced in June 2010.

Writers or publishers wanting to enter their work should download the Guidelines and Entry Forms from the State Library's website at <http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/pba.html>

Expressions of interest from suitably qualified or experienced people for the Judging Panels are also sought. Further information and application details are available at <http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/pba.html>. EOI for the Judging Panels close Wednesday 5 March 2010.

For more information regarding the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards please contact Doug George on (08) 9427 3150.

Margaret Allen, Chief Executive Officer and State Librarian

### **The Sydney Morning Herald archive**

The State Library has recently purchased the online newspaper archive for the Sydney Morning Herald 1955-1995. The database includes articles, captions, advertisements and birth, marriage and death notices.

Earlier issues of the Sydney Morning Herald are available on the Historic Australian Newspapers website,

together with other historic newspapers from around Australia.

The database can be accessed via our website at How Do I Find – Electronic Resources – e-Newspapers. Please note that access is limited to those searching within the State Library building.

[From the State Library's website]

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## State Records Office News

### Margaret Medcalf Award

Nominations are called for the Margaret Medcalf Award. This award recognises excellence in referencing and research in the use of State archives and honours Miss Margaret Medcalf OAM, Western Australia's second State Archivist, for her valuable contribution to the development of archives in Western Australia. The winner of the Award receives a cash prize of \$1000.

Works nominated for the award must demonstrate use of the State Archives collection, held by the State Records Office. Selection criteria include level of use of the State archives collection, the quality of referencing of archival sources, the level of the work's contribution to knowledge, whether the work uses new archival sources or if known archives are interpreted in new or different ways, and the quality of the work's presentation.

Nominated works need not be published, may be fiction or non-fiction, and in any media. Copies of nominated works must be supplied to the State Records Office, to enable short-listing and further consideration by the judging panel. Short-listed and winning works will be retained permanently by the State Records Office. Any work completed in the 2009 calendar year is eligible for nomination. Nominations may be submitted by anyone, including the author of the work.

Nominations for the Award, along with a copy of the nominated work, should be sent to the Director: State Records, Alexander Library Building, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth, WA 6000, by close of business Wednesday, 31 March 2010.

For further details see the SRO's website at <http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/MMAward.asp> or contact Gerard Foley at the State Records Office on (08) 9427 3364.

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## National Archives Australia (Perth Branch) News

### National Archives Shake Your Family Tree Day – 23 February 2010

The annual NAA event was again very successful with 220 people attending. They talked with experts from partner institutions WA Genealogical Society, State Records of WA, State Library of WA, Family History, the Royal Western Australian Historical Society and NAA staff.

Most visitors attended the seminars on Caring for Your Family Treasures with Cristina Albillos, Senior Conservator, State Library of WA and the lecture The Christmas Tree – Genealogy of an Island with genealogical researcher Helene Bartleson on her experience in undertaking research on Christmas Island.

Repository tours were well attended with three additional tours being programmed at the last minute.



Visitors to the NAA Open Day 23 February 2010. (Image courtesy Marjorie Bly)

## **National Archives - MOU signed in Kakadu**

On Tuesday 16 February, the National Archives and the Kakadu National Park signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to help preserve and protect Indigenous cultural material for future generations. Materials covered under the agreement include audio and video oral history tapes relating to Aboriginal people of Kakadu National Park, some of whom were senior traditional owners. The MOU addresses transfer, storage, preservation and access, as well as consultation and advice.

To view scenic photographs of Kakadu from the Archives' collection, see <http://naa12.naa.gov.au/Scripts/AutoSearch.asp?O=adhoc&K=Scenic,Kakadu>.

## **Tip of the month from the National Archives Newsletter**

With much of Australia receiving heavy rain recently, a preservation tip on salvaging water-damaged materials <http://www.naa.gov.au/records-management/secure-and-store/physical-preservation/fq/flood-damaged.aspx> seems timely. Urgent action is required where water damage is concerned. Material left in a damp state can grow mould, which can be a hazard to people as well as to affected items.

## **National Archives of Australia Grants**

2010 grant applications are now open

The National Archives is currently seeking applications for three research grants <http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/research-grants/index.aspx>

The Frederick Watson Fellowship <http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/research-grants/frederick-watson/index.aspx>, valued up to \$15,000 for established scholars;

The Ian Maclean Award <http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/research-grants/ian-maclean/index.aspx>, valued up to \$15,000 for archivists and other professionals interested in archival issues; and

The Margaret George Award <http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/research-grants/margaret-george-award/index.aspx>, valued up to \$10,000 for emerging historians and academics.

The grants are designed to help scholars complete an innovative research project that is significant for Australian audiences, makes use of the Archives' collection, and produces outcomes such as a book, article, website, exhibition, film or event to promote the collection.

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## **Can you help?**

### **Assistance need with research proposal - new project in Kimberley**

History Council members have been asked to help Professor Margaret Mitchell at the Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy at the University of Western Sydney to assist her in preparing a research proposal for the Australian Research Council for an oral history project. Professor Mitchell is interested in the experiences of service providers (teachers, police, 'welfare' officers) who worked in the Kimberley in remote communities/outstations between 1968 to 1982 - that is, during the shift from assimilation policies to self determination under the Whitlam government.

If History Council members are aware of any relevant archival material or even individuals who Professor Mitchell could interview, please contact her direct at her contact details below.

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[M.Mitchell@uws.edu.au](mailto:M.Mitchell@uws.edu.au)  
Telephone: 0450 497 221

## From Andrew Green

I'm a BBC producer currently in Perth. I'm working on a programme about the use of the very early telephone as a medium for relaying live entertainment, church services, news etc - from c 1881 to c 1923. I wonder if anyone has an interest in this (admittedly rather esoteric!!) subject and might be available for interview, please?

Andrew Green MA (Cantab)  
Writer, Broadcaster, Producer, Reviewer  
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## Images wanted for new film based in Fremantle

I am looking for archival photos and film from 1939 to 1942 Fremantle. The material is for art department background for an upcoming feature film that will be shot entirely in Fremantle (scheduled to begin Oct 2010).

Bugle Boy is set just before and during the time of the American base in Fremantle. At the centre of the story is the dances that were put on by the Fremantle Council for the troops. The picture also explores the internment of local Italians. It features a lot of big band music, swing dancing, and has a happy ending. It's being produced by the same people that made StrictlyBallroom. We're particularly looking for images and film of streetscapes, the dances, the harbour, and anything of the internment camp in Harvey.

I have explored all of the first line archives Nationally and the WA Library. I am now looking for material in smaller or private collections.

If you or any of your members can provide any assistance it would greatly appreciated. Please call me if you would like to know more about the production.

Tom Lubin  
Co-producer Bugle Boy  
0410416799

## Forthcoming events

### 2010 Northbridge History Studies Day

Sunday 23 May 2010, 10 am to 5 pm

TAFE Lecture Theatre, 1 Museum Street

\$55 full/\$27 concession for pensioners and students (no seniors discount)

Come and experience a fascinating journey through the history of Northbridge from the perspective of different speakers:

- Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA, Member for Mount Lawley: *Speaking of Northbridge*.
- The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi: *Northbridge: a vital and complex quarter of the city*.
- Professor Geoffrey Warn: *Sphere of Action: Northbridge's Creative Capacity*.
- Mrs Joane Gilbert: *The Northbridge of my mind - mapping memories*.
- Adjunct Professor Richard Walley OAM: *Welcome to country and the Indigenous connection to Northbridge*.
- Mr Emanuele Muratore: *Northbridge: the beat, the bands and the buzz*.
- Lecturer Ross McCallum: *'Fleeting images' - film and presence in Northbridge*.
- Mrs Wendy Birman: *Northbridge: a cultural heartland*.
- Reverend Ted Doncaster: *The religious presence in Northbridge*.

- Lisa Calautti: *Northbridge - a little world of big diversity, north of the line.*
- Ms Marjorie Bly: *Finding Northbridge in the National Archives.*

2009 was sold out so register now and be the first to receive your detailed brochure containing full programme outline and payment details (available March). Email: [history@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:history@dpc.wa.gov.au)  
The Northbridge History Project Team.

### **2010 Northbridge History Studies Day**

Sunday 23 May 2010, 10 am to 5 pm

TAFE Lecture Theatre, 1 Museum Street

\$55 full/\$27 concession for pensioners and students (no seniors discount)

### **Friends of Battye Library - meetings and speakers for 2010**

5.30 to 7pm

11 May - Prof Bob Reece - *Discovering Robert Menli Lyon.*

13 July - Oral History Records Rescue Group (OHRRG) - *Saving our oral history heritage.*

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.friendsofbattye.org.au>

### **Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc events April to May 2010**

12 April Lunchtime discussion - *Ships and shipping* 12 noon

17 April Enrolled Pensioner Guards Group AGM 10.30am

10 May Lunchtime discussion - *Railways* 12 noon

29 May Library orientation day

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

### **Royal Western Australian Historical Society events April to July 2010**

Stirling House, 49 Broadway, Nedlands, WA 6009

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

Email: [histwest@git.com.au](mailto:histwest@git.com.au)

Website: [www.histwest.org.au](http://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 April - Ken Glasmeir, reading Dr Mark St Leon's *Circus in the Golden West* 5.30 to 7.00pm

19 May - Bob Reece, *Eating and drinking in the Swan River Colony* 5.30 - 7.00pm

16 June - Peter Enlund, *Capt. George Rutledge at Fremantle 1840-45* 5.30 - 7.00pm

21 July - Aileen Walsh, *Naming Nyoongars*

### **History Out and About' 2010**

Sat 17 April Walk – Victoria Square and St Mary's Cathedral

Sun 23 May Bus tour to Melville, Alfred Cove, Wireless Hill

Sun 30 May Pioneers Memorial Service East Perth Cemeteries commemorating the Leake Family

Mon 7 June Foundation Day Celebration at Stirling House

### **'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. The first three meetings for 2010 will be:

7 April History in the City - Hon Robert Nicholson, *Getting law going in the Colony* 2.00pm

5 May History in the City - Bob Woolett, *George Fletcher Moore* 2.00pm

2 June History in the City - Barbara Matters, *Aboriginal art is culture* 2.00pm

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

## 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 4 May – Speaker: **Isla Macphail**

Topic: *Western Australian Parliamentary elections 1829 – 1901.*

Venue: Southwest Room, Ground Floor

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.

## Swan River Pioneers Annual Foundation Day dinner

Our Annual Foundation Day Dinner will be held at the Perth Parmelia Hilton Saturday 5 June. Feature Families this year: FERGUSON/FLEAY & COOK – arrived in the ship 'Drummore' 1 February 1831. If you would like to join us or have a 'Certificate of Descendancy' presented at the Dinner to acknowledge your descent from any pioneer family who arrived in the Swan River Colony between 1829-1838 please apply for an application form. Certificate applications for the Dinner close 30th April. Cost of Certificate and Badge \$20. Cost of Dinner \$85 per head for members & \$90 for non members. Pioneer dress encouraged but not essential. Enquiries for bookings & application forms contact: Lyn 08 9296 9520 or E-mail: [lcoy@bigpond.com](mailto:lcoy@bigpond.com)

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## 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 during 2010:

- 8 May
- 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](mailto: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 throughout 2010:

- Friday 4 June 2010
- 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](mailto:djcook@iprimus.com.au)

## The 2010 Fremantle Heritage Festival - 28 May To 7 June 2010

Fremantle and East Fremantle Local History Awards 2010

The aim of these Awards is to recognise the contribution of history to the diverse social and cultural heritage of Fremantle and East Fremantle. Entries must be a work of non fiction and focus on the history of Fremantle and/or East Fremantle. Topics may include:

- Indigenous history;
- Personal memoirs;
- Family history;
- Oral history;
- Community history;
- Migrant or ethnic history;
- Place, business or organisational history;
- General Fremantle and/or East Fremantle history.

### Awards

#### [1] Published Open Award 1st Prize \$500 2nd Prize \$250

This category may include the submission of work produced within the last five years (since 2005). Equal consideration will be given to all entries regardless of format.

#### [2] Unpublished Open Award 1st Prize \$500 2nd Prize \$250

This category may include the submission of work produced within the last five years (since 2005). Word count: 3,000 to 15,000 max. Must provide footnotes/endnotes and a bibliography, with the exception of personal memoirs or reminiscences.

#### [3] 2010 Youth Award (Secondary and Primary School Students)

In this category students are encouraged to explore and present history-based projects in various media such

as written and digital format, oral presentations, drama scripts and/or skits, short film video or DVD projects and creative writing.

This award has been limited to set topics which have been chosen to reflect various themes which will form part of the 2010 Heritage Festival. Topics are:

- The America's Cup in Fremantle 1987
- The history of football in Fremantle
- Crime and punishment in Fremantle

1st Prize \$100 (Secondary Students); 1st Prize \$100 (Primary Students); 2nd Prize book/art supply voucher

For further information about the prizes, award categories and conditions of entry contact the organisers by phoning 9432 9739 or email [pamh@fremantle.wa.gov.au](mailto:pamh@fremantle.wa.gov.au)

Entries must be submitted by 12.00pm Tuesday 4 May 2010. Attention: Pam Hartree

By mail: Librarian: Local History, Fremantle City Library, City of Fremantle, PO Box 807, FREMANTLE WA 6959. Hand delivery to: Service & Information Counter, Attention: Librarian: Local History, City of Fremantle, 8 William St, Kings Square, Fremantle.

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## Websites of interest

### Friends of Battye Library Inc.

The Friends of Battye Library website is updated frequently [www.friendsofbattyelibrary.org.au](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](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/western_australian/police_gazettes)

### Soul searching: A user's guide to the Western Australian Legislative Assembly electoral rolls 1890 - 1967

This useful publication was compiled by Julie Martin, who was for many years a senior librarian at the Battye Library, with the aid of a grant from the Friends of Battye Library.

In 1890, Western Australia was granted self government and a bicameral parliament (one with two Houses) was established. The Legislative Assembly or Lower House provided the Government of the State whilst the Legislative Council or Upper House acted as a House of Review.

This guide is only to the Legislative Assembly electoral rolls, as most residents of Western Australia met the voting qualifications for this House. Until 1963, a property qualification was required for those enrolling to vote in Legislative Council elections. The guide can be accessed from the Friends of Battye Library website at: <http://www.friendsofbattyelibrary.org.au/Online%20Publications.htm>

### Legislative Council Minutes 1832-1870

You may have seen in the *West Australian* an article titled 'Bringing our Colonial Days Back to Life' - announcing the availability of the Legislative Council Minutes from 1832-1870. They have all been typed up and are very clear and can be found at: <http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/web/newwebparl.nsf/iframewebpages/LC+Archived+Minutes> or through Google by searching for 'WA Parliament , legislative Council business'.

## 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 online articles for the period 1901-1954 appearing in late April this year. See newspapers on line at <http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

## Swan River Stories

*Swan River Stories* provides a fascinating look at the social, political and environmental history of Perth water, as told through original photographs and words.

Developed by Sue Graham-Taylor (the inaugural James Sykes Batty Memorial Fellow), this multimedia website is a useful tool for those interested in the history of Perth water or as a starting point for further research. See: [http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/swan\\_river](http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/swan_river)

## Australian Women's Weekly to be Digitised

The National Library of Australia is to digitise the *Australian Women's Weekly* from the first issue, 10th June, 1933 to 15th December 1982. The project is being undertaken in association with the publisher of the *Australian Women's Weekly*, Australian Consolidated Press, and with the State Library of New South Wales.

The National Library does have some gaps in its holdings of this magazine so if you have any old copies you might like to check them against the list of missing issues that can be found at: [www.nla.gov.au/digicoll/AWWmissingissueslist.html](http://www.nla.gov.au/digicoll/AWWmissingissueslist.html) Should you have one of the missing issues, the National Library would like to hear from you.

Once scanned, the Australian Women's Weekly will be searchable through Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software. It will be possible to keyword search in a similar manner to that used at the Australian Newspapers site: [newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home](http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home)

Having the first 50 years of this iconic Australian magazine available for social research and just strolling down memory lane will no doubt tempt many of us to spend far too many hours at our computer screens.

[from the State Library of WA website: <http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au>

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## 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.

For postgraduates or independent scholars, there is the opportunity to participate in a writing and publication mentoring scheme which is sponsored by the Australian Historical Association and the Copyright Agency Limited. Successful applicants will have conference registration fees waived. Applications close 31 March 2010 (see website for details).

**Early Bird Registration closes on 31 March 2010,  
Call for Papers closes on 31 March 2010**

PLEASE NOTE: Early Bird Registration will still be available to delegates who submit their abstract by 31 March and who have their paper accepted. In early April, delegates will be advised individually of acceptance and will need to register on receipt of that advice to qualify for the Early Bird rates. 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

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**More conferences, seminars and workshops**

**Outback & Beyond - The Future Of Historic Towns, Industrial Heritage And Pastoralism**

22 – 25 April, 2010, Broken Hill, Australia

The three Conference Themes are Management of Historic Towns (general management issues in addition to local, national and world heritage listing of historic towns and associated protective mechanisms); Industrial Heritage (the management challenges of industrial infrastructure); Remote Pastoralism (the changing cultural landscapes and the technology of pastoralism). See website [www.aicomos.com/2010-conference/](http://www.aicomos.com/2010-conference/)

**Histories of home Second annual conference: “Multiple Belongings: Diaspora And Transnational Homes”**

Friday 21 May 2010, British Library, London

The conference will examine migrants’ homes across the globe from early civilisations to the present, particularly the material aspects of setting up home in another country, such as room layouts, furnishings and other possessions and how these are adapted, integrated or negotiated between host nation and place of origin.

**World heritage and tourism: Managing for the global and the local**

3-4 June 2010, Quebec City, Canada

900 sites are on the World Heritage List, which results either in greater promotion, with a management challenge of protection, conservation and dealing with increased numbers of tourists, or designation has not brought anticipated expansion in tourist numbers and associated investments. Some Conference themes:

- Community involvement in Site management
- Relations between intangible cultural heritage and Site management
- Shaping local, regional and national identities through Site inscription
- Legal rights and notions of ‘ownership’
- Methods of Site evaluation
- Managing spiritual values and biodiversity
- The role of UNESCO and the political economies of designation

For further details on the conference at a later stage please visit [www.tourism-culture.com](http://www.tourism-culture.com) OR [www.fsa.ulaval.ca/tourisme](http://www.fsa.ulaval.ca/tourisme).

**Heritage 2010 - 2nd International conference on Heritage and Sustainable Development**

22-26 June. City of Evora, Portugal

The Green Lines Institute is organising the international event ‘Heritage 2010.

For further detailed information, please visit the conference Website at <http://www.heritage2010.greenlines-institute.org>. For further information on the Scientific Committee, please visit [www.heritage2010.greenlines-institute.org/](http://www.heritage2010.greenlines-institute.org/)

## **Education and Empire—Sixth Galway Conference on Colonialism**

24-26 June 2010. National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

Call for Papers: "Education and Empire." The aim of this interdisciplinary conference is to explore the role of education in shaping, promoting, and challenging imperial and colonial ideologies, institutions and processes throughout the modern world. We invite papers that address the role of educational institutions in shaping imperial, colonial and global processes; the relationship between imperialism, colonialism and the development of modern knowledge systems; education and the creation of professional diasporas; types and patterns of knowledge transfer; the insecurities or failures of imperial and colonial educational and knowledge practices; and transitions in educational practice. Please submit an abstract, of not more than 300 words, to Fiona Bateman and Muireann O'Conneide before January 31, 2010. See [www.conference.ie](http://www.conference.ie). email: [heatd@tcd.ie](mailto:heatd@tcd.ie).

## **19th Annual World History Association (WHA) Conference**

24-27 June 2010. San Diego, USA

The 19th Annual WHA Conference will be held at the Handlery Hotel and Resort in Mission Valley, San Diego, thanks to the generous patronage of several area colleges and universities. The two themes of the conference will be "Gender in World History," and "The Pacific in World History." The World History Association invites proposals from scholars and teachers around the world for panels, single papers, and roundtables on topics related to the conference's themes, "Gender in World History" and "The Pacific in World History." The Program Committee encourages mixed panels composed of K-12 teachers, university professors, and independent scholars in which cutting-edge scholarship is presented and then discussed as to how it might be introduced into the classroom, as well as panels devoted to research in progress and sessions dealing with the current scholarship of "big issues" in world history and how these issues might be brought to the classroom. Further information will soon be available at [www.thewha.org](http://www.thewha.org).

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

7-11 July 2010. Prague

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. 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](http://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/).

See more detailed advertisement on page 17

## **Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch Inc.)**

### **Voices of Change : Tracking communities using oral history - Call for Papers**

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.

If you would like to present a paper relating to the theme voices of change: tracking communities at the conference please submit a précis of your proposed presentation to Conference Organiser, PO Box 1065, Nedlands WA 6009.

Or email to Jan McCahon Marshall: [Jan.McCahonMarshall@cityofperth.wa.gov.au](mailto:Jan.McCahonMarshall@cityofperth.wa.gov.au)

### **Closing date for submissions is Friday 30th April 2010**

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).

### **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](mailto:abby.clifton@launceston.tas.gov.au).

*Compiled by Jennie Carter and Leith Robinson*

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### **History in the news – Did you see these stories?**

"Heritage status for old funeral home", *Stirling Times*, 05/01/10, p.5. [The 1937 building on the corner of Bulwer and Beaufort streets in Highgate is the first funeral home to be entered on the State Heritage List.]

"Hotel gem in 'danger'", *Sunday Times*, 20/12/09, p.26. [Local residents are alarmed at the delay in the rebuilding of the Guildford Hotel, saying that it is exposed to the elements.]

"Lake monger a big food bowl", *Subiaco Post*, 19/12/09, p.50. [The Cambridge Library collection indicates the Lake Monger area provided many sources of food for the Noongar people, including kangaroo, emu, waterbirds and gilgies.]

“Letter helps shape history”, *Stirling Times*, 1/12/09, p.7. [A WA student nurse’s 1969 letter to her mother about Sydney and the USA soldiers during the Vietnam War won the Australia Post “Letters of a Nation” competition.]

“PMH puts stamp on its history”, *Subiaco Post*, 21/11/09, p.31. [Australia Post has released a set of stamps to mark the centenary of Princess Margaret Hospital.]

“More money needed to fix Furphy house”, *Subiaco Post*, 21/11/09, p.28. [Lotterywest funds have all been used before the interior of the 100-year-plus has finished being restored, and the project managers the Fellowship of Australian Writers WA is trying to raise more money. ]

*Leith Robinson*

## Some new books

Baddeley, T. (2009). *Aussie legends [History; Children’s picture book]*. Fremantle: Fremantle Arts Centre Press.

Clunies-Ross, John C. *The Clunies-Ross chronicle*. Imprint: John Clunies-Ross, 2009.

Curthoys, Ann. (2009). *How to write history that people want to read*. Sydney: University of New South Wales Press.

Griffen-Foley, Bridget. (2009). *Changing stations: the story of Australian commercial radio*. Sydney, N.S.W.: UNSW Press.

Harris, Helen Doxford. (2009). *Helen Hart: founder of women’s suffrage in Australasia*. Forest Hill, Vic.: Harriland Press.

Hetherington, Penelope. *Paupers, poor relief and poor houses in Western Australia 1929-1910*. Crawley, W.A.: UWA Publishing, 2009.

National Archives of Australia (2010). *The sinking of HMAS Sydney*. Canberra. [buy online at [eshop.naa.gov.au](http://eshop.naa.gov.au)]

National Archives of Australia (2010). *Keeping family treasures*. Canberra. [email [naasales@naa.gov.au](mailto:naasales@naa.gov.au)]

*One small port : three names. A history of the Dongara Port*. Compiled by the Irwin District Historical Society Inc, 2009. [History of the Dongara Maritime Industry.]

*Persistence in faith: a history of St Marks Anglican Church Bassendean, Western Australia 1909-2009*. Bassendean, W.A.: St Marks Anglican Church Council, 2009.

Read, Peter. (2009). *Tripping over feathers: scenes in the life of Joy Janaka Wiradjuri Williams: a narrative of the Stolen Generations*. Crawley, W.A.: UWA Press.

Shellam, T. *Shaking hands on the fringe : negotiating the Aboriginal world at King Georges Sound*. Crawley, W.A. University of Western Australia, 2009.

Willing, J. & Ferguson, Beth. *Full steam ahead : Bunbury Port Authority 1909-1995*. Bunbury, W.A.: Bunbury Port Authority, 2009.

Yiannakis, John N. *Odysseus in the golden west: Greek migration, settlement and adaptation in Western Australia since 1947*. Waterford, W.A.: API Network, 2009.

*Leith Robinson & Marion Marlow*

## Some dates in WA History

### MARCH

- 1 March 1847 Foundation stone of monastery at New Norcia laid.
- 1 March 1911 Busselton’s 2000m long jetty officially opens.
- 1 March 1921 First Group settlement inaugurated at Manjimup.
- 3 March 1867 The schooner *Emma* leaves Nichol Bay for Fremantle with 42 persons on board and is never heard of again.
- 5 March 1853 Civil Constabulary established.
- 6 March 1966 First export of iron ore by Australia leaves Geraldton (bound for Japan).
- 13 March 1988 Jon Sanders arrives in Fremantle after world-record breaking triple solo circumnavigation of the globe.
- 19 March 1913 Farmers and Settlers’ Association resolves to form the Country party.

- 25 March 1830 Proclamation by Stirling of first industrial award – the scale of provision of master to servant
- 25 March 1915 At the ANZAC landings in Gallipoli, a quarter of the men are Western Australian.
- March 1842 *The Record* begins publication.

#### APRIL

- 2 April 1840 John Chipper is appointed the first policeman on a fixed wage.
- 4 April 1830 First license granted to a wayside inn – licensee John Butler.
- 8 April 1927 The first bulk petrol tanker arrives in Fremantle Harbour.
- 10 April 1889 Opening of the cable link with London via Cable Beach, Broome.
- 12 April 1986 Boans store ceases trading after 91 years.
- 14 April 1892 Sir Malcolm Fraser is appointed WA's first Agent General in London.
- 17 April 1897 The Synagogue, Brisbane Street opens.
- 19 April 1910 The first balloon ascent in Perth.
- 21 April 1837 Fremantle Whaling Company begins operations.
- 21 April 1970 Secession of Hutt River province from WA.
- 27 April 1908 Eighty Mile Beach is hit by a cyclone, and more than 80 people die.

#### MAY

- 4 May 1919 A serious strike by waterside workers; death of lumper Tom Edwards in a riot.
- 9 May 1962 Northwest Cape communications base agreed to by USA and Australia.
- 16 May 1881 Prince George (later King George IV) and Prince Albert arrive at Albany, on the ship HMS *Bacchante*.
- 16 May 1956 Britain explodes nuclear bomb at Montebello Islands
- 21 May 1833 First execution of WA Aborigine by firing squad in Perth – it was Midgegoroo, the father of Yagan.
- 25 May 1852 Foundation stone for Swan River Mechanics Institute is laid.
- May 1903: Parkerville Children's Home established

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