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**Don't miss the History Council of
Western Australia's
2011 Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 24 August 2011
4.30pm**

**Hale Room,
Constitutional Centre of Western
Australia,
Cnr Havelock Street and
Parliament Place, West Perth**

**The AGM will be followed by an
address by
Professor Jim Cameron at 5pm**

*'The Great Land Grab of
1837'*

RSVP to: office@historycouncilwa.org.au

Details, see page 3

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20 October 2011

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History Council of Western Australia, 2011 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 2011

Queen's Birthday	Friday 28 October
Christmas Day	Monday 26 December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 27 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:
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Deadline for next issue: 15 October 2011

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

HISTORY COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2011-2012

Please note that the History Council membership runs from 1 July to 30 June. Please check with Julia if you are uncertain as to whether or not you have rejoined this year. A membership form is in this newsletter on page 5. Further enquiries please contact Julia at office@historycouncilwa.org.au.

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

Notice of 2011 Annual General Meeting Wednesday 24 August 2011 at 4.30pm

Hale Room, Constitutional Centre of Western Australia, Cnr Havelock
Street and Parliament Place, West Perth

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Professor Jim Cameron at 5pm
entitled: *The Great Land Grab of 1837***



It is generally understood that in their struggles to retain their original land holdings the original colonists in Western Australia lost out to insistence by the British government of more concentrated rather than dispersed settlement. This insistence culminated with the introduction of regulations in 1837 which gave colonists title to their grants only after they surrendered 70 per cent of the original area. The surviving cartographic and statistical evidence paints a very different story. This was not a land grab by the Colonial Office at the urging of Edward Gibbon Wakefield and his systematic colonization supporters but a grab by the colonists themselves through which they locked up the most desirable lands in the south west of the colony for the rest of the 19th century.

J M R (Jim) Cameron was educated in Northampton and Geraldton, as well as at the University of Western Australia. A former Head of History, Geography, and Planning at Charles Sturt University and Foundation Dean of Education at Charles Darwin University, he combines an interest in teacher education and the historical geography of the European occupation of Australia and has published widely in both fields. He continues to work with a number of educational systems throughout Asia and the Pacific. Since returning to Western Australia, he has renewed his interest in Western Australia in the 19th century. His books include *Ambition's Fire: The Colonization of Pre-convict Western Australia*, *Tertiary Teaching*, *Letters from Port Essington*, and *The Millendon Memoirs*.

**NOMINATION FORM
2011-2012**

The following positions are open for nomination:

- President (1)
- Secretary (1)
- Treasurer (1)
- Vice-President (1)
- Committee Member (11)

Any person may be nominated for one or more of the positions. Please lodge a separate form for each position. Nominees must be financial members of the Council and can only be nominated by financial members of the Council. (If you are not sure of the names of other members please contact Executive Officer Julia Wallis at email office@historycouncilwa.org.au). The Council's Rules allow corporate members to nominate two candidates.

Nominee _____

Position _____

Proposed by Name _____

History Council Corporate Member organisation _____
(if applicable)

Signature _____

Seconder Name _____

Signature _____

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

Candidate's Signature _____

Address _____

_____ P/C _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax no _____

Email _____

Please attach a short biographical note of not more than seventy-five words. Results of the election will be announced at the History Council's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 24 August 2011 at 4.30pm at the Constitutional Centre of Western Australia, Parliament Place, Havelock Street, Perth WA 6005.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS
WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2011**

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

to 30 June 2012

I/we wish to **JOIN** or **RENEW** membership of the History Council of Western Australia Inc.
 I/we would like the following type of membership. (Please circle)

Corporate	Medium/Large (major organisations inc. govt agencies and unis)	\$100 pa
Corporate	Small/Professional organisations	\$50 pa
Household	2 adults	\$40 pa
Individual		\$30 pa
Individual	Concession (Full time students only)	\$15 pa

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO

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Title	Given Name	Family Name	
Name of organisation			
Postal address			Postcode
Work telephone	Home Telephone		Mobile
Email address			
Membership Type			

If you are joining as a Corporate member, please state the number of members in your organisation _____

I/we enclose a cheque/money order payable to the History Council of Western Australia Inc. for \$_____

OR if paid by direct funds transfer BankWest - BSB: **306 051 - Account no. 031 470 5** please provide details of transfer:

Date of transfer _____ Amount \$ _____ Name _____

DO YOU WISH TO BE INVOICED? Please Circle YES NO

The Constitution of the History Council provides that two positions on the Committee can be chosen by the Indigenous membership of the Council. Please indicate if

- you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; or
- your organisation is an Aboriginal Community Group.

If you would like to become more involved with the work of the History Council, please tick one or more of the following options:

<input type="checkbox"/>	serve on working parties for short-term projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	serve on a standing Sub-committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	assist with Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/>	speaking publicly on issues relevant to expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>	serve on a government body	<input type="checkbox"/>	assist with admin tasks

Please tick as appropriate

I am willing to have my name and contact details disclosed to other parties (approved by the History Council Committee for History Council purposes)

OR

I am not willing to have my name and contact details disclosed to other parties.

This information is collected, held and used by The History Council of Western Australia for the purposes of servicing your membership and of providing information to you related to The History Council of Western Australia's activities. It is understood that the personal information/contact details you provide will be held and used for such purposes, in accordance with The History Council of Western Australia's Privacy Statement.

State Records Office News

Invitation to attend the Margaret Medcalf Award

Ms Cathrin Cassarchis, State Archivist and Executive Director State Records has invited Friends of Battye Library members to attend the 2011 Margaret Medcalf Award for Excellence in Referencing & Research to be presented by Mr Colin Murphy PSM, Auditor General and Chairperson of the State Records Commission.

The ceremony will be held at the Alexander Library Building Theatre, Ground Floor, Perth Cultural Centre.

9:45 for 10am on Wednesday 3 August 2011

(Please be seated by 10am)

Morning tea will be served following the presentation. Please RSVP to Birra-Li Cunningham by 29 July 2011 by phone on (08) 9427 3426 or email: birra-li.cunningham@sro.wa.gov.au

SRO Lunchtime Seminars

Tues 14 Sept 2011 - Speaker: Dr Philippa Martyr - *Taking Over the Asylum: the Graylands History Project*

Wed 16 Nov 2011 - Speaker: Jan Lord - *The History of Poliomyelitis in Western Australia*

The dates, speakers and venues will be confirmed and advertised 3-4 weeks before the event.

Bookings are required for Lunchtime Seminars and these can be placed at the Search Room Desk, by telephoning 9427 3360, or by emailing sro@sro.wa.gov.au.

Friends of Battye Library (Inc) project funding

The State Records Office of Western Australia is delighted to announce that the Friends of Battye Library has recently agreed to fund the first stage to digitize the Surveyors field books at a cost of \$10,600

In 2004, the State Records Office introduced its online archives catalogue, AEON. The introduction of this system has greatly improved public access to the State archives collection by allowing archival records to be searched and identified easily via the internet. This improvement in public access to archival material has been reflected in the increased use of the State archives collection in recent years.

The State Records Office now has the vast majority of the State archives collection searchable via AEON and is working to ensure the entirety of the collection will be fully searchable in the near future. The Friends of Battye Library Inc. have already generously contributed towards this endeavor through the Colonial Secretary's Office project and the more recent Maps Online project, which has enabled SRO to provide digital images of large items and has the potential to allow for multi-page items to be displayed online.

There are over 1600 Surveyors Field books in the SRO collection (WAS 32). A small sequence of 30 field books were microfilmed as part of a large microfilm project for Lands and Surveys in the late 1990s (cons. 5000), while the majority were filmed by the State Microfilm Services Bureau and are available on microfiche. The microfiche is badly degraded due to use, but cannot be replaced due to the microfilming technique used at the time. The field books are generally written in pencil, which can also cause problems in reading and interpreting the fiche. As a result, the original field books are increasingly being requested and viewed in the Search Room. They are small and easily damaged by handling.

SRO has a high quality overhead book scanner, the Zeuschel Book copy. The Book copy can scan in both black and white and colour, to 300 dpi. The scanner head takes line by line images of the page, enabling a much higher quality scan than would be available for a simple whole of page image. The system also uses strip LED lighting meaning that light damage to fragile documents is very limited. Documents are placed on a hinged book cradle which can be set to accommodate book spines easily, or can be locked in place for flatter documents.

SRO would employ a digital technician to scan the field books from the original. Each image would be checked using Adobe Photoshop software and identified in accordance with SRO naming protocols, before being loaded up to the online catalogue, AEON. It is anticipated that approximately 400 items could be scanned and loaded in an eight week period.

The SRO would provide in-kind support including:

- project supervision and recruitment of technician;
- provision of PC and workspace;

- archives handling training and familiarisation with the Zeutschel; and
- administrative support including records management.

No provision for the conservation of items has been included.

SRO would promote the project through the SRO website and an associated blog site.

Digitisation of the field books would improve access to the information held within them, and would improve their preservation by diminishing handling. It would enable SRO to reach a new generation of researchers, interested in climate change, land use and sustainability, and could significantly contribute to our understanding in these areas. It may also help school students and teachers develop teaching materials based on Western Australian records. Digitisation would also allow SRO to look at transcription of the field books, either through another dedicated project or through crowd sourcing. It would have benefits for the WA base Explorer Diaries project : <http://www.explorationswa.com.au/>

Similar projects include:

The Burke and Wills online archive <http://www.burkeandwills.net.au/Journals>
 Discovering Antarctica - http://www.discoveringantarctica.org.uk/5_diaries.php
 Old Weather – <http://www.oldweather.org>

State Library News

Western Australian Premier's Book Awards

Culture and the Arts Minister John Day announced that a record number of 571 entries were submitted this year, compared to 400 for the 2009 Awards. "I am pleased these important Awards are attracting so many entries from a wide range of publishers," Mr Day said. "This year, a People's Choice Award has been added to the mix of categories following a review of the Awards in 2010.

"The six titles short-listed in the Fiction category will be eligible for this Award, and I encourage avid readers and book club members around Australia to familiarise themselves with each of these fantastic works, so they can influence the outcome." Voting on the People's Choice Award will commence on 25 July and finish on 2 September. The voting form will be available on the State Library's website.

The winners will be announced in September 2011. For more information about the awards and past winners visit: http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/about_us/premiers_book_awards

Shortlist for the State Library of Western Australia WA History Award

From the Barracks to the Burrup: The National Trust in Western Australia Prof Andrea Whitcomb & Dr Kate Gregory, UNSW Press.

Till the Stream Runs Dry: A history of hydrography in WA Bill Bunbury, Department of Water.

The Australind Journals of Marshall Waller Clifton 1840-1861 Phyllis Barnes & Dr James Cameron, Hesperian Press.

The Forgotten Explorers: pioneer geologists of Western Australia, 1826-1926 Dr J. J. E. Glover & Jenny Bevan, Hesperian Press.

Vite Italiane: Italian Lives in Western Australia Dr Susanna Iuliano, UWA Publishing.

[from SLWA media release]

Exhibitions

A very popular and entertaining exhibition has just finished at the State Library. Called Mapping Memory - an exhibition of family history, it was curated by Wendy Lugg, the Royal Western Australian Historical Society's resident artist, in conjunction with the State Library's family history specialists. It ran from 9 April to 10 July 2011 and used the collections of the Society and the State Library to tell stories echoing Wendy's family memories. Artefacts, maps, ephemera and documents from the two collections intermingled with the artist's memorabilia and artworks to tell a personal story which appealed to all levels and ages of society.

Mapping Memory is being succeeded by The Odditorium, which will run at the State Library from 30 July to 15 October. This mix of oddities and curiosities comes from the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. Shaun Tan, the award-winning children's author and illustrator, has created an intriguing story for each item, replacing factual descriptions with fantastical and funny stories, designed to arouse curiosity in visitors young and old.

To coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth in late October, the State Library, in partnership with Curtin University, is presenting an exhibition on the media in Western Australia. Using the collections of the State Library and with the participation of various media organisations, this exhibition will tell the media story, from newspapers, through telegraph, cinema, radio and television to the internet, in a manner which will interest and engage the people of Western Australia. The exhibition will run until the end of January 2012.

National Family History Week 2011

To celebrate National Family History Week 2011 the State Library is offering a program of tours and presentations from 2nd to 4th August.

Discover how to research your family history, learn what resources are available at the State Library, the State Records Office and the National Archives of Australia. Find out how to get the best from our subscription databases and ask the experts for advice on your problem ancestors. Join a behind-the-scenes tour of our conservation and preservation area and learn how to use our scanning equipment. Visit our website at: www.slwa.wa.gov.au/whats_on/national_family_history_week for full program details. Please note: all sessions must be booked. This event is presented in partnership with the Western Australian Genealogical Society (Inc.).

Steve Howell and Tricia Fairweather.

Battye Library

Just a reminder that if you have any feedback on the services in the Battye Library or the facilities in the Researchers Room then please take the time to fill in the questionnaires which are on the desks.

National Archives Australia (Perth Branch) News

The NAA Magazine, *Memento* Issue 3 is available online at <http://yourmemento.naa.gov.au/>

In this issue:

1972 Larrakia petition – documenting the history of Indigenous Australians' struggle for land rights
Rediscovery of a Marion Mahony Griffin drawing and its reunion with other Griffin artworks held by the Archives

Leading Constitutional lawyer Professor George Williams discusses the problems with federalism and much more!

National Archives Preservation Facility

In the 2011–12 federal Budget, the Australian Government approved a strategy to extend and improve the Archives' preservation and storage capacity. The strategy includes an upgrade of its Sydney repository, a major refurbishment of the Mitchell (ACT) repository, and the construction of the National Archives Preservation Facility – a purpose-built 15,400 square-metre repository.

Together, these three closely integrated projects will ensure the Archives is able to provide stable and controlled storage for paper and audiovisual archives well into the future. The projects will be progressively delivered over the next eight years.



The History Teachers' Association Western Australia State Conference Teaching History

A very successful event, the HTAWA 2011 State Conference on the weekend of 12 and 13 March catered for primary, middle school and senior secondary teachers of modern and ancient history. The sessions on Saturday 12 March were held at the Duncraig Campus of St Stephen's School and on Sunday 13 March in the Perth Cultural precinct.

Saturday's keynote address was by Professor Geoffrey Bolton who asked "Which way is West in Australian History?" His speech set the tone for a stimulating day with delegates discovering some innovative work in

schools on the new Australian Curriculum; in Year 10 History at Perth College and Years 5 and 7 resources from National Trust. John Hirst dazzled the audience by his efficient teaching of hundreds of years of European History. His book *The Shortest History of Europe* is sure to be an entertaining read. Dr Bill Leadbetter explored the 'big picture' approach to history in the Australian Curriculum.

Other sessions on Saturday included "What TEE examiners really want", Studies of Asia in the Australian Curriculum, Constitutional reform to include Aboriginal people, Ideas that shaped the Russian Revolution, and Ancient History examination preparation. Workshops on the History House Museum programs and using school archives were also well received. There were also plenty of opportunity to browse teaching resources while enjoying a delicious morning tea and lunch.

Sunday's sessions were based at the State Library in Francis Street and were of a more practical nature. The Library's digital collection was explained in the first session and then groups toured either the WA Museum, the State Library or the Art Gallery. During the morning there were lectures for teachers of Modern and Ancient History in the State Library and Museum. Ann Hunter took us through the valuable Kaartdijin Noongar website and Jane King discussed the wealth of material available in museums throughout the state. A highlight for many was the presentation by Battye Library Research Fellow, Dr Jane Davis. Jane gave an interesting overview of her recent research into the sense of belonging among early colonial families in Western Australia. Her step by step discussion guided us through inquiry techniques, a variety of resources and fascinating insights into our colonial past.

Thanks to all those people who participated in the Conference. We look forward to hosting the History Teachers' Association of Australia National Conference in Perth next October.

Meredith Southee

National History Challenge

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be an historian, investigating their community and exploring their own past. It emphasizes and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation. The theme for 2011 is *Defining Moments*. The competition closes on August 27th. <http://historychallenge.org.au/>



Forthcoming events

Friends of Battye Library

Next meeting 16 August 2011

The Guest speaker will be Dr Jean Chetkovich will show some of the new items which have been added to the Battye Library's collection over the last year. She will also speak about the challenge of determining the significance of items which could potentially be added to the collection. She will welcome discussion with the members on this topic.

Jean commenced work at the State Library of Western Australia in August 2010. Her role is described as Collection Liaison: manuscripts. This involves selection of material for inclusion the heritage collection of the library. Knowledge of Western Australian history or heritage was the primary qualification for the role. Prior to taking up her new role, Jean was formerly the Director of the Centre for Western Australian History at the University of Western Australia. Jean did her PhD at UWA on Irish migration to Western Australia post 1945 and has maintained an active interest in Western Australian history. Her historical works include *Irish Migration to Australia after 1945*, published in 2009 and *A century of care: 100 years of the Silver Chain Nursing Association, 1905-2005* by Jean Chetkovich and Deborah Gare, published in 2005.

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

Western Australian Genealogical Society

Family History Open Day

The Western Australian Genealogical Society (WAGS) will be having a Family History Open Day on Sunday 7 August (10am - 4pm) at the WAGS Library at 48 May St Bayswater (units 4, 5 and 6). There is a huge amount and variety of books, maps, journals and searchable databases from each state of Australia and from

all around the world. There will be displays from the WAGS Special Interest Groups - Computer, Convict, Enrolled Pensioner Guards, India and SE Asia, Irish, London and Home Counties, The Master Genealogist, North of England, Scottish, South Australian, South Western European, Swan River Pioneers and Victorian. You will be amazed at the huge amount of information that you can look at for free! For further information contact WAGS on 9271 4311 or visit our website <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

Website: www.histwest.org.au

Opening Hours: 9.30 am – 5.00 pm weekdays

Forthcoming talks

17th August 2011 - 'Surgeon Governor - John Stephen Hampton' - presented by Des Gurry

15th September 2011 - 'Indigenous stories' - presented by Dr Richard Walley

19th October 2011 - 'Lou Henry Hoover in Western Australia' - presented by Lenore Layman

16th November 2011 - 'Certain discreet persons: the Magistrates 1829-1840' - presented by Islay Kelly

Oral History Courses

Oral History Introductory Workshop Saturday 27 August 2011

This full day workshop will be held at the National Trust Headquarters in West Perth from 9am to 4pm. There are places left but please hurry as this workshop fills up very quickly.

The Introductory course provides the foundations for those wishing to set up an oral history project whether for a family history, a community history or for the purposes of a research project. There are very clear guidelines that must be followed when conducting oral history interviews. The course covers the importance of ethical practice and informed consent when undertaking interviews. The nitty gritty of putting your project together is also discussed including:

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

Participants have the opportunity to conduct a practice interview in pairs and to discuss the interview experience. Where possible, practice is given on digital recording equipment.

The fee will be \$100 for OHAA members and \$125 for non-members. Details and Application Form available from Doug Ayre, PO Box 126, North Beach WA 6920. E: history@westnet.com.au MOB 0430 405 633.

Using Digital Recorders Workshop presented by Denise Cook and Dr Ron Chapman

When: Wednesday 14 September 2011, 11 am – 3.30 pm

Where: State Library of WA, Francis Street, Perth, Pilbara Room (ground floor near coffee shop). BYO lunch

A practical workshop presented by professional oral historians focusing on using digital recorders to produce the highest standard of oral history recordings.

This hands on workshop aims 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. Places are limited to 8 people per workshop.

Topics to be addressed include:

- Using the equipment to record and play back
- 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

Registration Fee: \$55 for OHAA (WA) members, \$75 for non-members. To register your place at this workshop, please contact Denise Cook on 0408 927 989, 9537 2265 or djcook@iprimus.com.au

Conferences, seminars and workshops

August 23-25, Perth. 7th International Symposium on Digital Earth incorporating WALIS Forum 2011 and the State NRM Conference. <http://www.isde7.net/>

September 20-23, Perth. Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference. <http://www.heritagetourism.com.au/australian-indigenous-tourism-conference-aitc-2011>

September 20-22, Tbilisi, Georgia Community and Historic Environment. The Cultural Heritage Directorate of Norway (Riksantikvaren) and the ICOMOS Georgian National Committee (ICOMOS Georgia) are pleased to announce their International Conference – Community and Historic Environment, which will be held in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 20-22 September 2011. Ten years have passed since ICOMOS Georgia launched its Betlemi Quarter Revitalisation Programme. The Conference is designed to achieve the promotion of the Betlemi Project, as well as the thoroughly-focused exchange of experience and practices in historic urban conservation.

October 7-9, State Library of Victoria, Melbourne, Biennial conference of the Oral History Association of Australia. Communities of Memory. <http://www.ohaa.net.au/>

October 19-21, Canberra, ACT, AICCM National Conference. The 2011 National Conference will be a chance to look at AICCM's changes and to consider where they have brought us. We will also look to the future: one significant aim of the conference will be to reposition the AICCM and the profession to ensure they are prepared to take on the challenges of the future. The National Conference will present and promote a range of events and activities that will raise the profile of conservation in the national consciousness and engage society in supporting the professionals who preserve cultural heritage. Contact: Ian Batterham. Phone: 02 6212 3424; email: ian.batterham@naa.gov.au

October 27-30, Southbank, Melbourne, Australia ICOMOS & National Trusts of Australia announce Water Heritage Conference Watermarks, Water's Heritage. See <http://www.aicomos.com/> Call for papers - There are six themes: Theme 1 – Water Beginnings – Indigenous use of water and waterways; Theme 2 – Early Days – exploration and early settlement; Theme 3 – Working Water – pastoralism, agriculture, aquaculture, irrigation, industry, and power; Theme 4 – Moving Water – water supply and sewerage, water collection, transport and communication; Theme 5 – Too Much or Not Enough – floods, storms and cyclones, droughts, fire protection and environmental conservation; Theme 6 – Celebrating Water – tourism, recreation, designed features and landscapes, and heritage recognition.

November 14-18, Perth, Museums Australia National Conference. The MWA and IAA (WA) will host this combined conference at the soon to be opened State Theatre Centre located in the revitalised Perth Cultural Centre, from 14th to 18th November 2011, with field trips and workshops also planned for the weekend of **19th and 20th November.** <http://manexus.ning.com/profiles/blogs/announcing-preliminary-details>

December 8-9, ANU, Canberra. ANU. Honour Killing Across Culture and Time. Honour-motivated violence is a trans-historical and cross-cultural phenomenon, yet it has recently become a metonym for Islamic and anti-modern cultures. How can inter-disciplinary conversations unpack this association to produce innovative ways of thinking about and acting against violence justified through claims of honour? <http://history.cass.anu.edu.au/honourkillingconf>

CONFERENCES 2012

February 5-8, 2012, UWA, Perth, WA. The 11th Australasian Urban History/Planning History Conference. The theme of the conference is **Urban Transformations: booms, busts and other catastrophes.** Perth, the host city, has been built on economic booms reflecting its history as a resource and energy capital. Hence the sub-theme 'booms and busts' will enable us to reflect on the impact of rapid economic change on the planning and history of the city. The second sub-theme, 'catastrophes' is in response to recent urban events, and will allow us to reflect on the complex history and planning of cities and their environment. Dr Sarah

McQuade, Dr Andrea Gaynor, Professor Jenny Gregory, Convenors.

14-17 February 2012, Melbourne, Victoria, Historical Justice and Memory: an interdisciplinary conference. Keynote Speakers are Professor Elazar Barkan, Columbia University and Professor Steve J. Stern, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"The past few years have seen a plethora of case studies about attempts to deal with past injustice. Scholars have explored the work of truth commissions, the effects of apologies, debates over reparations, and trials of individual perpetrators, to name but four key themes. At the same time, there has been a burgeoning of studies about how past injustice is remembered (or forgotten) and memorialised. This conference provides a unique opportunity to link these two areas of research and to ask questions such as: To what extent is historical justice predicated on particular memories, on particular forms of remembering or on the forgetting of a particular past? How do apologies or truth commissions, for example, shape social memories of past injustice?"

Leith Robinson



History in the news – Did you see these stories?

"Sites need work", The Sunday Times, 8/05/2011, p.24. The Property Council of Australia says some of the dilapidated sites among WA's heritage listed buildings should be bulldozed.

"The week wrapped up", The Sunday Times, 24/04/2011, p.58. Reports have been made that farmers in France and Belgium who discover Australian war dead are re-burying them and not notifying authorities, to prevent interruptions to their agriculture.

"Shades of transport history come to light", Stirling Times, 12/04/2011, p.3. Renovations to a showroom on the corner of Scarborough Beach Road and Brady Street in Osborne park saw the discovering of building front lettering for when it was the depot of the Scarborough Bus Service.

"Public's call on heritage", The Sunday Times, 29/5/2011, p.38. The Heritage Council of WA are consulting the community about what should remain on the heritage register, and how it should progress in future.

Some dates in WA History

JULY

- 1 July 1832 First census carried out in WA.
- 1 July 1938 All iron ore exports to Japan are suspended, to prevent the use of material for arms.
- 10 July 1970 WA hotels are permitted to sell liquor on Sundays for the first time..
- 13 July 1982 WA's first test-tube baby, Jarrad Carter, is born at KEMH.
- 20 July 1963 First stage of the Ord River Scheme opens.
- 22 July 1863 First WA Divorce Act passed.
- 25 July 1973 Murdoch University is established.
- 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.
- 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.
- 9 August 1837 Commencement of the tunnel under Arthur Head, Fremantle.
- 10 August 1914 Recruiting begins for the AIF for WW1; Blackboy Hill Camp (near Greenmount) opens for training troops.
- 12 August 1984 The first stage of the Northwest shelf gas operation begins.
- 16 August 1832 First will proven in the Civil Court, Perth.
- 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 1851 Meeting at Freemasons Hotel, Perth, for the establishment of a police force in WA.

Leith Robinson from various sources