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Welcome to the latest edition of Network News.

Over the last few months life, work and any planned projects have all been put into a state of uncertainty. With this in mind, we have extended the application deadline for the NSW Regional Engagement Grant until 30 September 2020. We hope this gives oral historians an opportunity for space to plan and seek support for their future projects.

Earlier this month the Australian Historical Association (AHA) announced the [winners](#) of its 2020 annual and biennial prizes and awards. We are pleased to congratulate OHNSW Committee member Alexandra Dellios for jointly winning the Allan Martin Award, a research fellowship to assist early career historians further their research in Australian history - for her work 'Remembering Migrant Protest and Activism: the Migrant Rights Movement in pre-Multicultural Australia'.

Our History Matters series co-presented with the Professional Historians Association NSW & ACT continues in August, and will focus on Crime histories and the Australian story. Please visit the State Library of NSW [event page](#) to register and for more information.

Lastly, thank you to all who have renewed their membership. As meeting face-to-face is increasingly difficult in these times, please keep an eye on our social media and website as we will be organising ways we can connect and learn from each other online.

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President, Oral History NSW*

Oral History NSW & Oral History Australia

History Matters: Crime histories and the Australian story

5 August 2020, online via Zoom 5.30pm - 6.30pm

What are some of the ways that public historians can engage with the importance of crime and contextualise it for a variety of audiences? How should crime be presented to the public?

Speakers Nerida Campbell and Dr Andy Kaladelfos will be led by Dr Rachel Franks in an exploration of crime histories across the centuries.

[Register](#) for this free event via State Library of NSW

Oral History NSW Regional Engagement Grant 2020

This grant aims to raise the profile of oral history in regional areas and extend its expertise and use throughout New South Wales. It is aimed at librarians, archivists, museum curators, artists, film-makers, independent oral historians or community groups based in regional areas in NSW who wish to develop an oral history project that illuminates some aspect of their regional area which is of significance or interest to others.

[Applications](#) have been extended until 30 September 2020

Oral History Australia Journal : Change of name and Call for Papers

The first issue of the Oral History Australia journal under the new name *Studies In Oral History* will be based on the theme 'Oral history, place and environment'.

To be considered for peer review, articles should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words (excluding references).

Publication of the special issue is anticipated in late 2021. A further Call for Papers will be issued later this year for non-peer reviewed contributions.

[Submissions](#) due 30 November 2020

News & Events

History Week Information Webinar, History Council of NSW

5 August 2020 5.30pm

Join HCNSW Vice-President, A/Prof Nancy Cushing and Executive Officer, Catherine Shirley, for a 1-hour webinar for those wanting information about how to stage your History Week event online this year.

Information will be sent out to registrants in advance, detailing the types of events you can consider and how they might be realised online. Small Member Organisations and those in Regional NSW are particularly encouraged to attend. Register [online](#)

Workshop Series on Anti-Oppression and Oral History

July 25 - August 27 2020

This series of workshops sponsored by OHMA and the Oral History Association (USA) introduces an anti-oppression approach to oral history work. Further sessions will invite participants to explore project design, interviewing, and transcription from an anti-racist and decolonial perspective.

Workshop topics include: *Amplifying Oral Histories of Resistance*, *Listening for Embodied Knowledge: An Approach to the Oral History Interview*, *Talking White: An Anti-Oppression View Towards Transcribing Black Narrators*, and *Decentering Dominance: Language Justice in the Field*.

Workshops are free, donations encouraged. For more information and to register [click here](#)

Reading & Listening

Annual OHV symposium: Oral history and the environment

June 14 2020

In recent months Australians have had plenty of reminders that life on earth is severely threatened. An unfolding climate catastrophe. Years of drought, then flooding rains. A Black Summer of bushfire. And the coronavirus is changing the way we live while having subtle and dramatic impacts on the human and natural environments. In recent years, many oral historians have been listening to stories about people's relationships with our environment.

In this Symposium held in June 2020, leading Australian oral historians of the environment shared what they have learnt from their interviews about environmental history and about oral history.

Watch the symposium [online](#)

Energy Transitions Oral Histories Project : University of Wisconsin-Madison

In the summer of 2019, two groups of UW–Madison alums and their grandchildren became energy experts at the Wisconsin Energy Institute. We sat down with a few participants to talk through generational shifts in perceptions of energy. From these conversations, we learned how the systems that keep the lights on can help thread a family history, and how evolved perceptions of these systems can point to the future of clean energy. Partnering with the [UW–Madison Oral History Program](#), the Wisconsin Energy Institute encourages youth to record conversations with their grandparents, neighbors or friends to capture eyewitness accounts of these changes.

Listen to some of the interviews [here](#)

Conferences

Many previously advertised conferences have now been cancelled or postponed, please check with individual organisers and websites for latest news.

New Zealand Oral History Conference: Ko wai mātou? Who are we?

Victoria University of Wellington, 20-22 November 2020

A common thread runs through the contemporary work of many philosophers, economists, geneticists, historians and novelists world-wide. Who are we? What unites us? What separates us? As Aotearoa New Zealand grapples with the consequences of colonisation 250 years on, questions of personal and collective identity resonate on multiple levels. Do we share any form of collective identity?

We invite papers that explore “who are we?” in different and interesting ways.

[Proposals](#) to be received by 31 August 2020

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Do you have a contribution for the next edition? Letters, comments, news items, links to projects and sites using oral history and relevant resources for oral historians are welcome.

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- *Oral History Network News*, our regular e-newsletter keeping you in touch with current topics and events of interest to oral historians
- Regular seminars and workshops.
- Opportunities for informal exchange of ideas and experience.
- Awards and Grants – [find out more](#) about our awards & past recipients
- Biennial National Oral History Conferences around Australia
- Subscription to the annual *Oral History Australia Journal*
- As an affiliated member of the Royal Australian Historical Society NSW, our members receive discounts to the [RAHS](#) Conference, workshops and seminars



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We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend this
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