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Dear all,
Welcome to the October edition of Network News.

While COVID-19 continues to affect us all, it has been a busy month in the Oral History world and there are many important resources and seminars listed in this edition of Network News. We held our first online drop in chat session earlier in October and will be announcing our next one soon – this is an informal way for us to keep in touch and learn from each other.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the Oral History NSW Annual General Meeting held on 31 October. It was great to get together albeit virtually for this important meeting. It was inspiring to acknowledge the Oral History NSW Community History Award and to hear from the prize winners. Please see the update available on our [blog](#) soon.

The final *History Matters* for 2020 on 4 November will discuss oral history and migration, and will be chaired by Maria Savvidis (OHNSW President) with presenters Alexandra Dellios and Anisa Puri.

Updates on our activities will be posted via our website, facebook and right here in the newsletter. We'd like to hear from you with any feedback or suggestions for us, and look forward to seeing you online throughout the rest of the year.

Gwyn McClelland
Editor, Network News

History Matters: Migration

4 November 2020, online via Zoom 5.30pm - 6.30pm

With almost a third of the population born overseas, Australia is one of the world's major immigration nations. In our final History Matters for 2020 we will discuss how oral history contributes to the diverse histories of migration and migrant communities.

Speakers: Anisa Puri and Alexandra Dellios. Chair: Maria Savvidis.

[Register](#) for this online event through the State Library of NSW.

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). See CFP below.

[Submissions](#) due **30 November 2020**.

News & Events

GRANT: *Frequency* - applications open until 12 November

Create NSW and Screen NSW

Frequency is a new \$240,000 podcast program from Create NSW and Screen NSW in partnership with Audible, the world's largest producer and provider of original spoken word entertainment and audiobooks, will support the development of up to eight new Australian stories from established and emerging NSW storytellers across various genres. Successful applicants will receive up to \$30,000 towards the development of a podcast.

For more information and to apply [click here](#)

COVID-19 Oral History Resources

The Oral History Review (UK) has compiled sources, oral history projects and guidelines and considerations for interviewing amid COVID-19 at [this link](#).

You may like to forward your own suggestions to add to this resource.

Journal of the Plague Year: A COVID-19 Archive

2nd workshop in its Fall series, **November 5, 2020**, 1pm MST via Zoom

A workshop about maintaining an oral history archive: Register [here](#).

Call For Papers

CFP: "Practicing Oral History" Book Series

The Routledge book series *Practicing Oral History* invites proposals for new titles relating to applied oral history. Books should address one of three approaches to oral history: best practices for a specific stage or skill within the oral history life cycle, oral history adapted to a specific professional community, or using oral history to achieve a specific goal.

Contact editor nancymackay@gmail.com for a detailed prospectus or to discuss your book project. Book ideas are welcome at any stage, including early stages. For more information [click here](#)

Studies in Oral History (Formerly Oral History Australia)

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'. This special issue invites reflections upon the ways in which oral history can illuminate and expand our understanding of place and environment. To be considered for peer review, articles should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words (excluding references) and [submissions](#) are due **30 November 2020**.

Reading & Listening

Book Review: *Remembering Migration: Oral Histories and Heritage in Australia*,
Kate Darian-Smith and Paula Hamilton (Eds)

Reviewed by Andonis Piperoglou in *Australian Historical Studies*, **28 September, 2020**,
Requires [online](#) access.

Oral History Association Conference (USA)

Streamed recordings from the OHA conference held in October are now available online via [Youtube](#). They include keynotes with Joyce Scott, plenaries with D. Watkins and Marc Steiner and a panel, 'Telling COVID's Stories: Implications for the Field'.

Video Testimonies: Soviet Jewish Veterans of WWII

BAF's Veteran Testimonies & Ephemera Collection, the largest collection in the world on the experience of Jews in the ranks of the Soviet armed forces during WWII, was launched in 2006. Nearly 1,200 unique video testimonies by veteran soldiers and partisans have been recorded in eleven countries, mostly during the period of 2006 to 2014, found [here](#).

Transgender Histories seminar

Melbourne Feminist History Group, 'Adrien McCrory (ACU), "*Offensive Behaviour and Public Spectacle: The Policing of Male Masqueraders in 1900-1930s Victoria*", Video [online](#) filmed 7 October 2020.

The Suffrage Interviews

This is a collection of oral history interviews about the British first wave feminist movement. The interviews were conducted by the historian Brian Harrison between 1974 and 1981, as part of a project funded by the Social Science Research Council (he later extensively used these interviews in his book '*Prudent Revolutionaries: Portraits of British Feminists between the Wars*' Oxford University Press 1987). The newly available recordings were deposited with the Women's Library in 1981 and the collection consists of 205 interviews with 183 individuals. Listen to the recordings [here](#)

Conferences

**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? For more conference information [click here](#).

**British and Irish Sound Archives (BISA)
27 November 2020 online**

The theme for this year's conference is "*Old Sounds, New Media: the Creative and Ethical Use of Archive Recordings*". More information [here](#)

**Oral History Australia Call for Presentations
Launceston, Tasmania from 14-16 October 2021, online or in person.**

Oral History Tasmania and Oral History Australia has released a Call for Presentations for the upcoming OHA Biennial Conference. The conference theme is 'Oral History in Troubling Times: Challenges and Opportunities'.

While we plan to meet in solidarity and optimism for our biennial conference in Tasmania in 2021, if that proves to be impossible due to COVID-19 restrictions we will run our conference online. CFP found [here](#).

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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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What Membership of Oral History NSW gives you:

- *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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*Oral History NSW acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live and work.
We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend this respect to all
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.*

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