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Dear all,

Happy New Year from all of us at OHNSW! It may be a little late for this greeting, but this is our first opportunity as we bring you the first brimming full newsletter of 2022. We do wish you well in whatever this new year holds for you.

The OHNSW committee recently held their planning day, and were pleased to welcome Tony Duke, our new Events Officer, and Laura Anderson, our new Secretary to the meeting. With our increasing experience in holding online events, the committee is excited about the calendar for the year, including upcoming 'Introduction to Oral History' and 'Capturing Memories' online workshops.

The postponed Oral History Australia Conference is now scheduled for 14-16 October in Launceston, Tasmania, so do look at the call for papers in this issue. The committee also discussed our upcoming awards and grants, including the Community History Award, the Regional Engagement Grant, and Conference Grants slated to open soon.

Keep an eye out for our member survey that will be distributed soon. Updates on our activities are posted via our website, social media and right here in the newsletter. As always, we encourage you to offer feedback or suggestions for us. Best wishes.

*Gwyn McClelland, (works on Anaiwan Country)
Editor, Network News*

Oral History NSW & Oral History Australia

Introduction to Oral History Seminar, Online, 12 March 2022.

In this introductory seminar, Oral History NSW Vice President Scott McKinnon will explore some of the key ideas behind oral history as a research methodology and will outline important steps in planning oral history projects, including tips on preparing for, undertaking and preserving interviews.

You can register for this seminar [here](#).

Oral History NSW Conference Grant

Applications are open for the Oral History NSW Conference Grant. The Grant is available to presenters attending the Biennial Oral History Australia Conference in person.

Two grants of \$600 each will be offered. Visit [our website](#) for more information.

The deadline for applications closes 31 May 2022.

Capturing Memories Workshop, online, April 2022

We will be finalising details soon about our upcoming *Capturing Memories* workshop held online in April. This popular and informative workshop will equip you to undertake your own oral history interviews.

Oral History Australia Journal: Special Issue 44, 2022

Studies in Oral History is currently planning the [2022 issue](#). The reviews section seeks new oral history books, podcasts, exhibitions & websites. The reports section seeks summaries of projects happening globally. Send your ideas by 1 April 2022 to journal@oralhistoryaustralia.org.au.

Biennial conference update (OHA)

The new dates for the Oral History Australia conference are **14-16 October 2022** in Launceston, Tasmania.

Please see the *Conferences* and *Call for Papers* sections in this Network News for more information or visit the [conference webpage](#).

News & Events

Inaugural Public Environmental History Prize, AANZEHN

The Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand Environmental History Network has announced the creation of two prizes to recognise excellence in environmental history.

More information and details for entry can be found on [the AANZEHN website](#).

Entries close 1 March 2022.

Closure of *Memorial International*, Russia

In December Russia's Supreme Court issued a verdict confirming a government recommendation that **Russia's *International Memorial Organisation*** be closed for violating the law against "foreign agents". This has drawn widespread condemnation from historians and human rights organisations. *Memorial International* and its affiliated Oral History Centre, has significant collections of memories of the Gulag and dissent in the USSR, databases of

victims of Stalinism, as well as records of more recent human rights abuses. You can read more about this [here](#).

Emerging Crises Oral History Research Fund

The Oral History Association (USA) has recently announced funding of up to \$4,000 to undertake oral history research in situations of crisis in the United States and internationally. These funds may be applied to travel, per diem, or transcription costs for research in places and situations in which a longer application time schedule may be problematic. Such crisis situations include but are not limited to wars, natural disasters, political and/or economic/ethnic repression, or other currently emerging events of crisis proportions. More information including the mission statement located [here](#).

OHMA Spring 2022 Workshop Series, online (Columbia University, NY)

Oral history is knowledge formed in relationship. This year the OHMA plan to explore how oral historians have centred relationship in their work, how oral history processes can change how we relate to each other and to the past, and what it means to relate or retell an oral history to new audiences.

All events are online via Zoom at 11am AEST, register for free [here](#)

24 February [Telling and Preserving Disabled Stories](#)

24 March [Co-Documenting Queer Performances and Experiences in Mexico](#)

21 April [Quilombola Women and Transformations in the Anti-Racist Struggle in Brazil](#)

Guidelines: Risk Assessment In Oral History Recordings

[NSLA](#) (National and State Libraries Australasia) is the peak body for the national, state and territory libraries of Australia and New Zealand. These newly released guidelines help libraries to assess risk in providing online access to oral history or sound recordings, where rights and permission agreements are missing, poorly documented or unclear.

Read more about the guidelines and download them [here](#).

News about Oral History Projects in NSW

Australian Railway Historical Society (NSW Division) was awarded \$15,000 through the 2021 Transport Heritage Grants Program to record the experiences of NSWGR National Servicemen. The full press release can be found [here](#).

Liverpool City Council was awarded \$13,636 through the 2021 Community Heritage Grants to fund the digitisation of their local oral history material. More information [here](#).

Call for Papers

'Urgent Histories' Australian Historical Association 2022 Conference

27 June–1 July, Deakin University, Geelong

Proposals for individual papers, panels and roundtables due 28 February 2022.

Please visit [the conference website](#) for more information on individual streams.

Greek Oral History Association Conference: *Narrating Working Lives* 13-15 May, Rethymno, Crete,

Delayed by Covid-19 for two years, this long-awaited for conference will finally take place live in Crete. Co-hosted by the Sociology Department of the University of Crete and the Greek Oral History Association, the conference will explore how oral history can help us document and understand the deep transformations of working lives over the last fifty years.

Deadline for submissions: 28 February 2022.

For details and the Call for Papers, go to <http://epi.uth.gr/sinedria/>

Oral History Australia Conference

The Call for Presentations deadline is 1 April 2022.

Call for Presentations and Conference information is found [here](#).

Reading & Listening

Family History, Historical Consciousness and Citizenship: a new social history: Tanya Evans

This new title shows how family history fosters inter-generational and cross-cultural, religious and ethnic knowledge, how it shapes historical empathy and consciousness and combats social exclusion, producing active citizens. Evans draws on her extensive research on family history, including survey data, oral history interviews and focus groups undertaken with family historians in Australia, England and Canada collected since 2016.

Find out more or order the book [here](#).

Li Maizi's Honest Spoken Account: "I have not committed a crime: Feminism is innocent": Dian Zi

An account of Li Maizi, feminist activist from Beijing, selected as one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers by Foreign Policy Magazine. [Here](#) you can read an oral history collected by Dian Zi, in English or in Chinese.

From the Berkeley Library, University of California: "T is for Topsy-Turvy: Our interviewees describe when things went haywire": Jill Schlessinger

As the Omicron variant has once again derailed our path to normalcy, I decided to search the Oral History Center's collection to see what our interviewees have described as topsy-turvy.

Read more [here](#).

LISTENING: Bloody Sunday 50th anniversary and oral history

On 30 January 1972, the British Parachute Regiment murdered 14 marchers at an anti-internment march in the Bogside in Derry.

That day would become known as Bloody Sunday. On 'Scéalta' Podcast Joe Austin is joined by Tony Doherty (son of Patrick Doherty) and John McKinney (brother of Willie McKinney) reflect on the families campaign for truth and justice.

Conferences

International Oral History Association (IOHA) Conference

The School of Social Sciences of [Fundação Getulio Vargas](#) will host the IOHA conference in 2023 in Rio de Janeiro. Dates and call for papers will be announced in the near future. Watch [this page](#) for more information.

The OHA Biennial Conference, ‘Oral History in Troubling Times: Opportunities and Challenges’,

Launceston, Tasmania: 14-16 October; workshops: 13 October 2022.

Oral historians from across Australia and around the world are welcome.

The [Call for Presentations](#) has a deadline of **1 April 2022**.

If your presentation was accepted for the 2021 conference then it is also accepted for the 2022 conference – but you must confirm your place on the program by emailing Oral History Tasmania host Jill Cassidy (president@oralhistorytas.org.au) no later than 1 April 2022.

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Oral History Society (UK) Annual conference

8-9 July 2022

This year’s conference theme is ‘Home’. As both an idea and a physical place, home has deep meanings for all of us. It connects us to family, generation, and communities, both past and present; it is conveyed and expressed through memory, objects, images and the emotions. Home can confer and establish identity and belonging but it can also signify status or position. It can be a place of safety but also of danger, a refuge but also a site of confinement. Our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has put home in the forefront of shared understandings and discussions of home.

For more information about the conference visit: www.ohs.org.uk

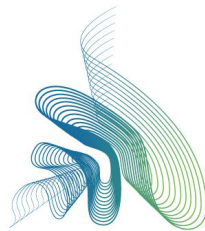
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Do you have a contribution for the next edition? Letters, comments, news items, links to projects and sites using oral history and relevant resources for oral historians are welcome.

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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
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