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Dear all,

Greetings to members around the state - our thoughts are with those impacted by the floods. There is a link included in the Reading and Listening Section below to the very relevant 'History Matters' seminar (audio-only) led by Dr Margaret Cook and Peg Fraser in 2020, contemplating how we might come to terms with such an event.

Turning to events supported by the OHNSW, after the recent successful online workshop, "An introduction to Oral History", in the coming month the popular 'Capturing Memories' workshop, led capably by committee members Shirleene Robinson, and Andrew Host, is due to take place. Places are limited, so sign up via the link below.

Have you plans for a new project in oral history, or are you involved in a project already? Would you like to do interviews in the future? On 17 March at 5:30pm, Oral History NSW has planned an online drop-in discussion – all are welcome to come along and chat on things oral history. Even if you are just interested in what others are doing, come along to discuss. Visit our website to see what events and workshops are coming up via Oral History NSW – and keep an eye out for our Community History Award and Regional Engagement Grants that will open in early April.

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, Anaiwan Country
Editor, Network News*

Oral History NSW & Oral History Australia

Oral History NSW online drop in chat, 17 March 5.30pm via Zoom

Join committee members from Oral History NSW online to talk all things oral history. This is a casual forum to discuss, share and ask any questions, advice or thoughts you have on oral history with us and each other. Register for free via our [website](#).

Capturing Memories Workshop 2 April, online via Zoom

The *Capturing Memories* workshop will be held online and led by OHNSW Committee members Shirleene Robinson and Andrew Host. This popular and informative full day workshop will equip you to undertake your own oral history interviews. Places are limited to 16 participants. To book online and for more information please visit our [website](#).

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.

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

Statement – Russia’s Memorial organisation

Oral History Australia joins oral historians around the world in condemning the closure of Russia’s Memorial organisation, one of Europe’s most important oral history projects. A Russian court ordered the closure on the 28th of December in 2021. This appalling act represents an assault on human rights and an attempt to suppress the Memorial’s significant contribution to the history of the Soviet Union. OHA President Professor Al Thomson condemns the closure of Russia’s Memorial organisation, one of Europe’s most important oral history projects. Read the statement [here](#).

Co-Documenting Queer Performances and Experiences in Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico. Workshop by Isabel Machado. By Columbia Oral History MA Program. March 25 2022, 10am AEDT. More information [here](#).

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

Columbia Center for Oral History Research Transcription Style Guide

The Columbia Center for Oral History Research (CCOHR) transcription style guide has evolved over time since 2018. The 2022 revised edition reflects feedback received over the intervening years, and includes new standards specific to remote interviews, which have become increasingly common since 2020. Within this guide it describes the methods and core philosophy that informs each detail of oral history transcription. View the [PDF guide](#).

Call for Papers

Migrant Voices: Community collaboration and Telling Migrant Histories

Submissions are invited from Australia and overseas for the reports section of the Oral History Australia's journal, *Studies in Oral History*, No. 44, 2022

Reports may describe oral history projects conducted by academic researchers, museum curators, heritage professionals, consulting historians, community historians and more. The word limit for reports is 1500 words and the deadline for submission is **29 April 2022**. Publication of the special issue is anticipated in late 2022.

Submit to the following email address: journal@oralhistoryaustralia.org.au

Oral History Australia Conference

The Call for Presentations deadline is 1 April 2022.

The CFP and Conference information is found [here](#).

Oral History Review

The Oral History Review invites oral history practitioners to submit articles considering ways they have disrupted best practices in order to adapt and change the mold and challenge the status quo.

Submit full articles by 1 June 2022. For further information see [this website](#).

Oral Historian wanted, Sydney

Seeking someone to carry out a series of interviews: one to one basis.

Payment included.

Eastern Suburbs of Sydney: Please email directly: catherine.remond@bigpond.com

Reading & Listening

History Matters - Disaster Histories

7 October 2020 (Audio only)

This seminar from our popular History Matters series discusses two of the most important environmental challenges in Australia. Disasters have recently become a major field of study for public historians who explore the roles of history and memory in fostering public understanding of these events and developing resilience in the future. Dr Margaret Cook speaks about raising flood awareness through telling history, and Peg Fraser explores the intersection of grief and history.

Listen on [youtube](#).

How should we navigate the changing linguistics of race?

Anna Neima, Oral History Society Blog

Anna Neima writes in this blogpost from the Oral History Society, about the difficulties of navigating the 'linguistics of race', including words that are taboo in one era or another. How might oral historians find a way through such dilemmas? [Read the blog-post.](#)

Voices of the Nakba: A Living History of Palestine (Pluto Press, 2021)

Edited by Diana Allan; Afterword by Rosemary Sayigh

Voices of the Nakba collects the stories of first-generation Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, documenting a watershed moment in the history of the modern Middle East through the voices of the people who lived through it.

The interviews, with commentary from leading scholars of Palestine and the Middle East, offer a vivid journey into the history, politics and culture of Palestine, defining Palestinian popular memory on its own terms in all its plurality and complexity. The book is available [here](#).

“US Oral History Interview Archival Inventory”

This inventory compiles oral history interview collections related to deindustrialization in the United States. The second research report in a series brings together collections from libraries, archives, museums, and educational institutions, and is intended to support research into the lived experiences of deindustrialization, as well as encouraging the use of existing oral history collections in future research. Please feel free to use this report as a resource in teaching, research, and any other relevant contexts. Free for download [here](#).

Careers in Humanities Resources

The [Careers in Humanities resources](#) is a resource that highlights the key skills that students develop when they study Humanities, as well as the career pathways they can pursue, including those taken in historical fields such as oral history.

This resource, supported by the History Council of Victoria, includes the following message: All schools, universities, history teachers' associations and historical associations are welcome to provide their members and networks with the link to the resources: <https://www.htav.asn.au/students/careers-in-humanities>.

Conferences

Australian Society for the Study of Labour History (ASSLH)

22-24 April 2022 in Bendigo, Victoria.

The theme of the conference is 'Fighting For Life: Class, Community and Care in Labour History'.

Convenors have chosen this moment of an international health crisis to examine changes in the meaning and historical context of labour health and community. What have been the experiences and relationships between health, community, and labour over time? Can a crisis be an opportunity for strengthening community networks and increasing political organisation for meaningful change?

Find out more at [this website](#).

Australian Historical Association (AHA) Conference - URGENT HISTORIES

27 June – 1 July, Deakin University Geelong

Urgent Histories, on Wadawurrung country in Geelong, Australia, invites historians to focus on the uses and usefulness of the past in pressing contemporary public debates, disputes and narratives. It welcomes histories and history-making distinctive to the local and particular through to addressing shared human conditions. Registrations will open late, for more information see [the website](#).

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](#) deadline is **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.

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

Assessing the Role of Race and Power in Oral History Theory and Practice

Oral History Association (USA) June 27-29 online

Oral historians from around the world will gather virtually for three days of discussion about the role of race and power in oral history theory and practice.

This symposium aims to move beyond that question to interrogate broader structures and dynamics of race, racialized thinking, and institutional power in oral history. Our intent is to facilitate conversation among all symposium participants so that we may collectively reach a deeper understanding of how these structures and dynamics have shaped – and continue to shape – oral historians' work and to consider methods and approaches for overcoming them. The full program will be posted later in March. Visit [the website](#) to register and for updated information.

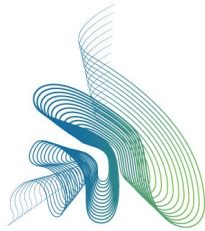
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Do you have a contribution for the next edition? Letters, comments, news items, links to projects and sites using oral history and relevant resources for oral historians are welcome.

Forward copy to the Editor: networknews@oralhistorynsw.org.au

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 and present, and extend this respect to all
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