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## ORAL HISTORY NETWORK NEWS

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*Dear all,*

*Greetings to members across New South Wales: I hope that many of you were able to fit in a break over the last week, as we have turned towards Autumn. Don't forget the Oral History NSW Conference Grant deadline is approaching soon: there are two grants worth \$600 each. As well, don't forget that the 'Migrant Voices' Special Issue of the Studies in Oral History Journal are due close to the end of this month. There is still an opportunity to submit your papers for this Special Issue.*

*I have included the link below to the Oral History Australia statement condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine. There are a large number of upcoming conferences and events, so please take a look as well at the Conferences section in this Network News.*

*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

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**Oral History Australia Statement condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine**

OHA backs recent statements by peak oral history organisations in the United Kingdom and the United States condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

We affirm our own opposition to the invasion. Our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine and in particular our oral history colleagues in Ukraine – see <https://oralhistory.com.ua/>.

In February OHA President Professor Alistair Thomson issued a statement condemning the closure of Russia's Memorial organisation, one of Europe's most important oral history projects. [Read the statement](#).

### **Join the Oral History NSW Committee!**

Oral History NSW is looking for new members to join our Committee as Events Officers.

This important role is vital in helping us deliver and facilitate a variety of in-person and online training and events to our members in NSW and the ACT. Please [get in touch](#) to discuss your interest in joining, or [visit our website](#) for more info.

### **Oral History NSW online drop in chat**

May 5.30pm via Zoom – date *TBC* (Keep an eye on our Facebook group)

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. Check our [website](#) and social media for event details to be confirmed soon.

### **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.

### **Oral History NSW Regional Engagement Grant**

Applications are now open for this grant- 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.

Visit [our website](#) for more information.

The deadline for applications closes 31 July 2022.

### **Oral History NSW Community History Award**

Applications are now open for the 2022 Oral History NSW Community History Award.

The award is designed to acknowledge the work of individuals or community groups who are recording the histories of their communities. Eligible projects may include the development of new oral history collections, digital and multimedia projects (including websites or podcasts) and printed publications based on oral history interviews.

Visit [our website](#) for more information.

The deadline for applications closes 31 July 2022.

## **News & Events**

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## **Citizen History: Voices from the Past**

Tuesday 19 April, 5:30 pm, online

Join City of Sydney's Lisa Murray and Laila Ellmoos for their final online session exploring how oral testimony can be used to inform local history research. For more information and to register your place, please see: <https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/citizen-history-voices-from-the-past>

## **Funding for situations of crisis**

The Oral History Association (OHA), USA, announces 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 here: <https://www.oralhistory.org/award/emerging-crisis-research-fund/>

## **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](mailto:journal@oralhistoryaustralia.org.au)

### **SARBICA International Symposium**

15-17 November, online

Organisers of the 2022 Virtual SARBICA International Symposium have issued a Call for Proposals to present at the symposium to be held from 15 to 17 November 2022.

Hosted by the National Archives of Singapore for the Southeast Asia Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (SARBICA), the symposium features the theme 'Preservation & Sustainability: Two Sides of the Same Coin?' More information [here](#).

Closing date for proposals: **31 May 2022**.

### **Call for papers – Silence is (not) an option: Re-Thinking Oral History Post-MeToo**

17-18 November, Brussels

This symposium is part of the of the 2021-2023 program of the AVG-CARHIF Forum for Belgian Research in the History of Women, Gender and Sexualities. The focus will readdress these complexities of silence—a topic that has received new impetus in the wake of the MeToo movement, which has seen a growing number of survivors publicly speak out against perpetrators of sexual violence. Yet MeToo has also shown that breaking the silence has many meanings, much like silence itself. For more information and how to apply visit [this website](#).

Please submit your proposal (max 300 words) and a short biography (max 100 words) before **15 May 2022**.

## 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 mould and challenge the status quo.

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

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## Reading & Listening

### **Sunlight in the Elizabeth Roberts Working-Class Oral History Archive: Sue Bradley**

A new blog post by Sue Bradley, from the University of Newcastle, UK. She reflects on reading oral histories from an archive and what a moment that provided. You can read [the full post here](#).

### **From the History Workshop Journal (HWJ) Blog**

[Syrian Voices](#) is a new oral history project that gathers a compelling collection of candid audio-visual testimonies on film-camera and Zoom of Syrians in the UK during the Covid-19 pandemic. Film excerpts and blog-post found [here](#).

## Conferences

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### **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](#).

### **Greek Oral History Association Conference: Narrating Working Lives**

13-15 May, Rethymno, Crete

This conference is co-hosted by the Sociology Department of the University of Crete and the Greek Oral History Association, it will explore how oral history can help us document and understand the deep transformations of working lives over the last fifty years.

For more details visit <http://epi.uth.gr/sinedria/>

### **AMaGA 2022 National Conference – Hear. Us. Now.**

14-17 June, Boorloo Perth, Western Australia

This year's theme 'Hear. Us. Now' encourages arts and cultural workers to discuss issues impacting museums and galleries in Australia, with a focus on "turning conversations into action". Over four days, more than 50 speakers will present on their topics of choice.

You can view the program here: <https://conlog.eventsair.com/amaga-2022/program>

## **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](#).

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

June 27-29 June online, Oral History Association (USA)

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.

Registration is now open. Visit [the website](#) to register and for updated information.

## **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 [this website](#).

## **The OHA Biennial Conference, 'Oral History in Troubling Times: Opportunities and Challenges'**

14-16 October. Launceston, Tasmania. Workshops 13 October 2022.

For more information visit the [conference webpage](#).

## **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 soon.

Watch [this page](#) for more information.

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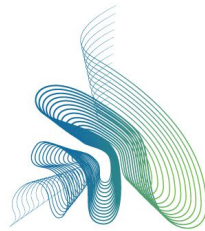
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*Do you have a contribution for the next edition? Letters, comments, news items, links to projects and sites using oral history and relevant resources for oral historians are welcome.*

*Forward copy to the Editor: [networknews@oralhistorynsw.org.au](mailto: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  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.***

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