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Dear all,

Greetings to our members across New South Wales. The National and State Libraries of Australasia have recently released new guidelines for online access to oral history recordings when rights are missing or unreliable. See the News section below. There is much happening in the oral history space, whether in Australia or overseas, as is reflected in the calls for papers listed in this issue as well as the up-coming conferences.

Speaking of conferences, as the Oral History Australia committee continues to prepare for this year's OHA conference in Launceston, there are a number of awards both from OHNSW and from OHA that are currently open for nominations and applications. Please check to see if you may be eligible by connecting to the websites linked in below. Further, the History Council of NSW has just announced their Annual History Awards.

Lastly, have you filled in our new members survey? We would love to hear from you. Your thoughtful answers will give the OHNSW committee the chance to reflect on the work that Oral History NSW does, and to make changes. The link to the survey is included below in the OHNSW section. Over to you!

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Oral History NSW & Oral History Australia

Oral History NSW – Member Survey

The OHNSW committee are passionate about promoting and improving all aspects of oral history through our training sessions, educational resources, and fostering an open and active community of practice. We would love to hear your thoughts on what we're doing well, what could be improved, and what you would like to see from OHNSW in the future. Please take a few minutes to let us know your thoughts and suggestions [here](#).

Oral History Australia Conference Preparations

OHA is preparing for the postponed conference for 14-16 October, plus workshops held on 13 October. The program will be finalised soon, and those attending are advised it would be a good idea to secure accommodation early.

Join the Oral History NSW Committee!

Oral History NSW is still on the look-out 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 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**.

Oral History Australia awards

OHA awards include the Hazel de Berg Award for Excellence in Oral History and the OHA book and media awards – with recipients to be announced during the Biennial Conference in October 2022. Nominations and applications for the three awards close on **1 August 2022**. See [OHA website](#).

News & Events

History Council NSW – Annual History Awards

Submissions for the 2022 HCNSW Annual History Awards are now open.

The HCNSW Annual History Awards celebrate history in all its diverse forms. From the history makers and its thinkers to collective memory and multicultural history, our Awards & Prizes support and acknowledge contributions towards historical practice and theory, through exploring the past to engage and inform the memories and historical narrative of our present and future communities.

Submissions close **1 October 2022**, for more information please visit the [History Council website](#).

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 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](#).

IOHA call for volunteers

The International Oral History Association is calling for volunteers as they launch a new website and prepare for an upcoming conference in Rio de Janeiro in 2023. Cited areas of need include 'Website administration and content editing', 'Translation and multilingual engagement', and 'membership engagement and outreach'. If you're interested in joining the IOHA in this for a period of at least two years, please email iohawebsite@gmail.com with the subject line VOLUNTEER.

Call for Papers

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**.

The eighth international symposium of the Finnish Oral History Network (FOHN), AFTER: Time, Place and (Dis)Connections in Oral History and Life Storying

December 1-2, 2022, Helsinki, Finland.

Deadline for submissions is **31 May 2022**. More information [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 mould and challenge the status quo.

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

CFP: New Zealand Oral History Conference

18 – 20 November 2022, Wellington

Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies and the National Oral History Association of New Zealand (NOHANZ) invites papers that describe and discuss the significance and meaning of objects expressed through oral histories recorded in a wide range of cultural or social contexts. The conference will also explore the ways in which oral histories are used in museum or gallery exhibitions constructed around material objects.

Proposals due by **1 August 2022**, for more info visit [this site](#).

Reading & Listening

From the Oral History Society: “Coal and Community: an oral history of Binley Colliery”

‘[Memories of Binley Colliery](#)’ was a community oral history project led by the [Dunsmore Living Landscape](#) partnership at [Warwickshire Wildlife Trust](#) and supported by Warwick University’s [Oral History Network](#) from 2018-2021. A blog-post introduces this project [here](#).

An Indigenous Oral History Reader for law students

An Indigenous Oral History Reader, edited by Dr. Bryan Schwartz, with assistance from several credited student editors was published March 18, 2022 and [is available online](#) through the University of Alberta Libraries and on a [not-for-profit basis at amazon.ca](#). Read more [here](#).

History Matters Seminars

The *History Matters* series ran as a collaboration between Oral History NSW and the Professional Historians Association (NSW & ACT), exploring stimulating issues for public historians. Topics include: Digital and Multimedia Histories, Community Histories, Women’s History, Queer History and Multilingual History. You can now access the 2020 and 2021 recordings [online](#).

Conferences

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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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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