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Dear all,

Greetings to our members across New South Wales and the ACT.

How is the weather in your part of NSW or ACT? I've noticed the wattle blooming where I live. In the region south of Sydney, now is the time for the arrival of the Boo'kerrikin (Acacia Decurrens) flowers. These accompany the finishing of the cold windy weather, and the coming of the spring rains. Dr Frances Bodkin and Lorraine Robertson write (and illustrate) about the seasons of the D'harawal First Nations peoples, and August is also the time of Wiritjiribin, the lyrebird calling out to find potential mates. Their books that explain about the seasons may be found via [the Envirobook website](#).

Thank you on behalf of the committee to all members who have renewed their membership for this year. A gentle reminder to those who have not to renew – you can do this online on the OHNSW site. Don't forget also that the draft program is now available for the upcoming Oral History Australia Conference in Launceston Tasmania. The theme is 'Oral History in Troubling Times: Opportunities and Challenges'. You can register to attend via the link in the story below. There is additional news on the upcoming International Oral History Association in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The Call for Papers is now out.

Finally, a hearty congratulations to previous OHNSW committee member Kylie Andrews on the publication of the monograph, "Trailblazing Women of Australian Public Broadcasting: 1945-1975", that is listed in Reading and Listening below. Additionally, there are a number of items in reading and listening that I hope you will find interesting!

*Best wishes,
Gwyn McClelland works on Anaiwan Country,
Editor, Network News*

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](#).

Extension to the Oral History NSW Regional Engagement grant

Applications now close 30 September. Please apply via [the website](#).

Join the Oral History NSW Committee!

Oral History NSW is on the look-out for new members to join our Committee to help 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.

Oral History Australia Conference Preparations

Registrations are now open for the 2022 OHA Biennial Conference to be held in Launceston, Tasmania from 13 to 16 October 2022.

The theme is 'Oral History in Troubling Times: Opportunities and Challenges'.

To register for the conference go to the booking page: [here](#).

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](#).

Call for Papers

CFP: International Oral History Association: Oral History in a Digital and Audiovisual World

The 22nd IOHA Conference will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 25-28 July, 2023. The conference theme is 'Oral History in a Digital and Audiovisual World'. More information about the conference can be found here: <https://eventos.fgv.br/en/22nd-ioha-international-conference>. Proposal submissions are from 1 August, 2022 until 1 November, 2022. Please see the following website for details on how to submit a proposal as well as registration details: <https://eventos.fgv.br/en/22nd-ioha-international-conferences/submission>.

Reading & Listening

Trailblazing Women of Australian Public Broadcasting, 1945-1975

By Kylie Andrews (Anthem Press, 2022)

Trailblazing Women of Australian Public Broadcasting, 1945-1975 offers a new perspective of Australian radio and television history. It utilises a range of sources and archives – including a collection of revealing oral history interviews – to chronicle how a group of female producers defied the odds and forged remarkable careers in public-affairs production at the ABC in the post-war decades. This book traces producers' careers as they crossed borders and crossed mediums, following them as they worked on location shoots and in production offices, in television studios, control rooms and radio booths. In doing so it highlights the barriers that confronted so many women working in broadcasting in the decades after World War II.

Available from [Booktopia](#) and other retailers in hardcover and e-book. More information and reviews via the [Anthem](#) website.

Blackbooks outLOUD

Tony Duke from Tranby Aboriginal Co-Operative Limited has noted that outLOUD was launched by BLACKBOOKS last month. The platform will provide a new interview each week with a First Nations LGBTQIA+SB member of the story making and writing space: For more information, see [this website](#). <https://blackbooks.online/outloud/>

New from the Oral History Review

“The Precariousness of Home and Belonging Among Queer Refugees: Using Participatory Photography in Oral Histories in Vancouver, British Columbia.” This article explores the relationship between oral history and participatory photography for queer refugees as they create differing affectual and mnemonic relationships to the past and present in experiences of belonging and home. (Behind a paywall). To read the full abstract see [this website](#). There is also an open blogpost by the author [here](#).

On Self-Care in Oral History (OHR)

Dr. Tanya Finchum is a Professor with the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program and has been a member of the Edmon Low Library faculty since 1999. She has conducted over 450 oral history interviews, beginning in 2006, and has been the leader on projects featuring various narrators such as women legislators, cooperative extension educators, and Oklahomans working to sustain the Monarch butterfly population and other conservation efforts, just to name a few. She writes [here](#) about her experiences conducting oral histories when the stories hit close to home and how our emotions and individual pasts impact our work.

Oral Histories of Museum Computing

A (relatively) new collection of oral histories have been released on the topic of museum computing. Their website has further information on the project as well as links to all the recordings: See [the website here](#).

New website for UCLA’s Oral History Center

The website is now found [here](#).

Conferences

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

14-16 October 2022.

Launceston, Tasmania. Workshops 13 October 2022.

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

New Zealand Oral History Conference Memory, Oral History, and Material Culture.

18-20 November 2022.

Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies and the National Oral History Association of New Zealand (NOHANZ)

Te Kete Kōrero-a-Waha o Te Motu Te Herenga Waka, Victoria University

International Oral History Association (IOHA) Conference

25-28 July 2023.

The School of Social Sciences of [Fundação Getulio Vargas](#) will host the IOHA conference in 2023 in Rio de Janeiro. The conference theme is ‘Oral History in a Digital and Audiovisual World’.

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

Oral History Network News is published by Oral History NSW for its members and all others in the wider community with an interest in oral history. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of Oral History NSW, and information on services does not imply endorsement.

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
- 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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