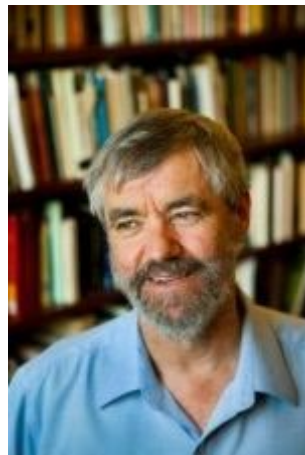


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# Australian Studies

Welcome to the August edition of the Australian Studies  
Research Network Bulletin.



## **Network member profile: Emeritus Professor Dennis Haskell**

Dennis Haskell, Emeritus Prof of English, is very involved in the Australian poetry community. He has recently published poems in *Best Australian Poems 2021*, the *Canberra Times*, and *Networks*, an anthology published by Sydney University. He edited a section of the first issue of *Westerly* for the year, commemorating the work of poet and editor Bill Grono, a UWA graduate, who died in March; this included one of Dennis' poems plus a brief prose tribute. Dennis is General Editor for the book publishing program of WA Poets Inc., and he has edited four poetry manuscripts this year, at least two of which will be published during the Perth Poetry Festival in October. Dennis will give a paper on the history of poetics as the final session of the Festival.

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Dennis does a lot of work with Alf Taylor, the leading senior Noongar writer. A selection of Alf's poems and stories, edited by Dennis and titled *Cartwarra or What?* was launched at the Centre for Stories in Northbridge in May. Alf and Dennis have since given a number of talks about the book, for libraries in Perth and for the Portico Library in Manchester, UK. The Manchester reading, conducted via Zoom from the John Curtin Gallery at Curtin University together with Michelle Broun, was given in conjunction with an exhibition of the Carolup paintings touring the UK until the end of the year; some of the paintings are also on display in the Curtin Gallery.

Dennis is currently Elder in Residence at the Centre for Stories; this role includes mentoring early and mid-career local writers. He is Secretary of the Perth PEN Centre, and although most of this work does not cover Australian writers some issues do, and the PEN Committee last month met with the Australian Human Rights Commissioner, Lorraine Finlay. Discussion covered many issues, including the situations of Bernard Collaery (since resolved), Yang Henjun (an Australian citizen and novelist, imprisoned in China), and Julian Assange, plus Australia's defamation laws. In October-November Dennis is conducting a course on Literature and the Ineffable for the Mature Age Learning Association; it includes a study of the Australian poet, Kenneth Slessor. Dennis has had a paper on poetics and their link to social and philosophical values accepted for a conference at the University of Canberra in early December; it will centrally concern the work on prose poetry conducted by Australian poets, Cassandra Atherton and Paul Hetherington (a UWA Honours and PhD graduate).

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## Welcome Hugh Chevis!

We welcome Hugh Chevis to the Australian Studies Network

Hugh Chevis received his doctorate from UWA in 2018. He has since published a number of papers related to his thesis.

Prior to entering academia he held a senior role at the National Native Title Tribunal, after working for many years before that in conservation and land management.

Most recently he has been researching the history of grassy ecosystems in south-west WA. This is the subject of a co-authored paper, published in July 2022 in Australian Historical Studies.

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## **WA Economic History Summit**

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*'WA Economic History: Moving toward 200 years'*

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Abstracts due by 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
to Professor David Gilchrist at  
[david.gilchrist@uwa.edu](mailto:david.gilchrist@uwa.edu)  
and final papers due 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Date:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 9am-5:30pm  
AWST

**Location:** UWA Business School & Via Web Platform

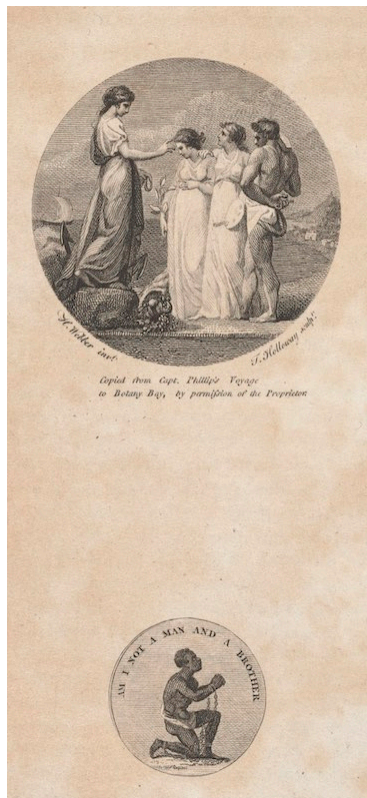
**Cost:** Attendance is free.

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## **Royal Australian Historical Society Day Lecture**

Royal Australian Historical Society Day Lecture – No Slavery in a Free Land?  
Anti-Slavery and Australia.

13.00 (AEST) Wednesday 7 September 2022

In this lecture Professor Jane Lydon will explore the complex relationship between the anti-slavery movement and the transportation of British convicts to Australia, expanding the analysis of Britain's abolition of slavery to consider global processes of emigration and settler colonialism. [Click on the link to register for this free online event.](#)

## Recent Publications

Launch of Writing Slavery into Biography at the Centre for National  
Biography, Canberra





On 26 July this special issue of the Australian Journal of Biography and History was launched by Emeritus Professor Ann Curthoys, with comments from journal editor Dr Malcolm Allbrook and special issue editor Dr Georgie Arnott.

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Hugh Chevis, Joe Dortch, Wayne Webb & Iszaac Webb

'What Happened to Kangaroo Grass? Human Agents and Endemic Grassy Ecosystems in South-

Western Australia' Taylor & Francis Online [Click on the link to read the article](#)

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### **The Centre for Western Australia History makes back issues of Studies in WA History available for purchase**

The Centre for Western Australia History now has in place a system for purchasing hard copies of back issues of Studies in WA History on its website.

There are very low stocks of some issues, so once they are sold out, these issues will no longer be available. It's a case of first in, first served.

To review the offering please click on the [link](#) and select the issue(s) you want. The earlier copies are selling fast at very discounted prices (though it has been suggested that more should be charged for rarity value!) Postage is included in the price so you will really be getting a bargain.

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# InASA announcements

The ANU Australian Studies Institute is delighted to host the International Australian Studies Association (InASA) biennial conference this year at ANU and Old Parliament House, Canberra, during 30 November – 2 December 2022: [It's Time...Again](#)

The theme of the conference draws its inspiration from the 50 year anniversary of the Whitlam government's election in 1972 – an event seen by many as not merely a political turning point, but also a social and cultural awakening from a long post-war torpor. Elected on December 2 – a date which coincides with the last day of our 3-day program - Gough Whitlam's reforming Labor government ended 23 straight years of Coalition rule. Fittingly, conference participants will enjoy a keynote address in the historic House of Representatives chamber at Old Parliament House – one of Australia's most cherished buildings and the stage for the dramatic conclusion to that tumultuous chapter in Australian history. The conference drinks and dinner will follow the keynote address in the elegant King's Hall, between the two chambers.

The conference theme can be interpreted as broadly as the field of Australian Studies itself.



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