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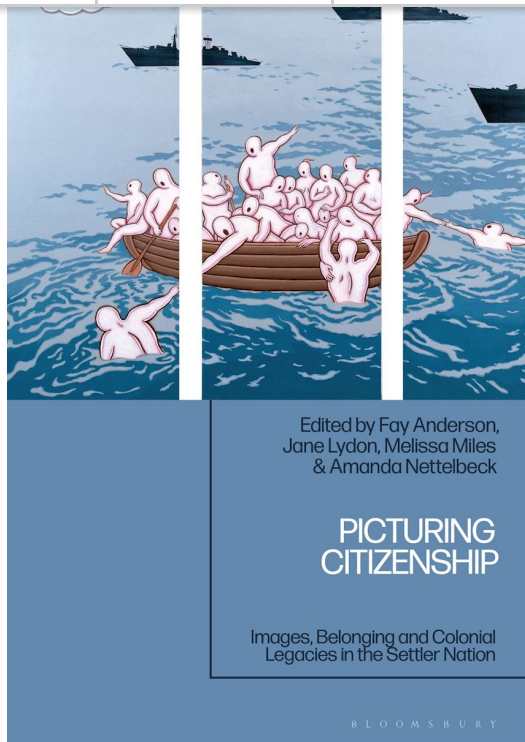
## Welcome to the Australian Studies Research Network Bulletin August 2025

Dr. Naomi Preston recently completed her PhD in History at the University of Western Australia, examining heritage interpretation of difficult histories of incarceration, forced labour and punishment. Her research focused on two significant Western Australian sites - Fremantle Prison and Wadjemup/Rottnest Island - investigating the barriers and limitations to effective interpretation of traumatic colonial histories.

Currently, Naomi works as a Historical Research Consultant with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on a project examining Aboriginal heritage sites across Western Australia related to Sites of Truth Telling, including massacre sites, missions, and prisons. She also serves as Research Officer with the Australian Legacies of Slavery project and Australian Studies Network at UWA.

Naomi has chapters forthcoming in two UCL Press collections: *Post/colonial Heritages: Creative Approaches to Understanding and Addressing Colonized Pasts* and *Everyday Heritage: The Practice of Enchanting the Ordinary*. She serves as Postgraduate Representative on the History Council of Western Australia and as a committee member of the Oral History Association of Western Australia. Her research contributes to ongoing conversations about decolonising heritage interpretation and developing more ethical approaches to presenting difficult colonial histories in museum and heritage contexts.



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## **Picturing Citizenship: Images, Belonging and Colonial Legacies in the Settler Nation**

**ed. Jane Lydon, Melissa Miles & Amanda Nettelbeck**

Addressing citizenship's particular entanglements with colonial histories in contemporary settler nations, the collection considers how images have shaped the meanings and experiences of citizenship from the colonial era, through periods of mass global migration to contemporary geopolitical change and debates on Indigenous rights and recognition.

This is an outcome of the ARC-funded 'Envisaging Citizenship: Australian Histories and Global Connections' project exploring visual culture and citizenship.



## **Events - Western Australia**

**Lecture, 2025 Berndt Research Foundation Biennial Lecture**

**Theatre Auditorium, The University Club of Western Australia and online**

**18 September 2025, 6-8pm**

The 2025 Berndt Research Foundation Biennial Lecture will be delivered by Michael Aird, Director of the Anthropology Museum at the University of Queensland. Michael will reflect on his 40-year career documenting urban Aboriginal history and culture, highlighting his involvement in the Queensland Government's 2024 Truth-Telling and Healing Inquiry.

[Further Information](#)

## **Faces and Spaces of Cockburn**

**Royal Historical Society of Western Australia Affiliated Societies Annual State Conference**

**12th-14th September 2025, Jakovich Centre**

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[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Save the Date - Sunday 19th October 2025**[Further Information](#)**Inaugural Western Australian Early and Mid Career Researcher Symposium****18th and 19th November 2025**

Hear from eminent keynote speakers and learn about the breadth of research being conducted by EMCRs across Western Australia during short talks from all Universities and disciplines.

[Further Information](#)**Their Words, Their Stories - WA Military Digital Library****Wednesday, 24th September 2025****City of Perth Library, 573 Hay Street, Perth**

Join us for the final talk in the Heritage Skills Association Winter Warmer Talk Series. Letters, diaries, and photographs provide personal glimpses into the lives of Western Australian military personnel. These first-hand accounts give depth and context to our understanding of history. Discover how the Western Australian Military Digital Library (WAMDL) is digitally preserving and making these precious items freely accessible.

[Further Information](#)**Symposium, "Encountering Southlands"****WA Maritime Museum Theatre, Fremantle****1st December 2025, 9am-4.30pm**

Facilitated by *Global Encounters and First Nations Peoples: 1000 Years of Australian History* (Monash University, ARC Laureate) and *Mobilising Dutch East India Company Collection for New Global Stories* (UWA, ARC Linkage) with the Western Australian Museum, this symposium brings together multi-disciplinary research and cross-cultural perspectives to explore the deep and diverse histories of encounter across Australasia. It challenges dominant colonial narratives by privileging Indigenous and Asian knowledge systems and adopting a longer temporal lens.

[Further Information](#)**Jobs and Opportunities - Western Australia****Call for Book Reviewers****Studies in Western Australian History**

The Book Review Editors of *Studies in Western Australian History* invite expressions of interest from scholars to join our panel of book reviewers.

We are seeking reviewers with expertise in Western Australian history, Aboriginal and Indigenous studies, Australian social and cultural history, women's and gender history, and related fields.

If you have a publication that you would like to review, please contact the Book Review Editors with your areas of expertise.

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**Oral History Western Australia, John Ferrell Travel Fund**

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the year, up to a total of \$1000. The 2025 application form for the John Ferrell Travel Fund is available [here](#).

## Oral History Western Australia

### Capture WA Stories: Jean Teasdale Oral History Bursary Now Open

Oral History Western Australia is offering up to \$2,000 to support oral history projects that preserve and share Western Australian stories. The Jean Teasdale Oral History Bursary, named after OHWA's founder, encourages applications from diverse communities including First Nations, LGBTIQ+, and migrant groups.

The bursary funds:

- Recording new oral history interviews
- Transcribing existing interviews
- Creating public interpretations (exhibitions, websites, arts projects)
- Equipment, travel, and professional services

Individuals, community groups, and voluntary organisations who are OHWA members are invited to apply. Projects should highlight aspects of WA history - from specific subjects like music or medicine to community, family, or organisational histories.

**Applications close Friday September 12th, 2025**

[Further Information](#)

## Events

### Hugh Anderson Lecture, Royal Historical Society of Victoria

9th September 2025, 5.30—7pm AEST, 239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne and online via Zoom

Marilyn Lake will deliver the 2026 Hugh Anderson Lecture, exploring how an 1893 prediction of China's rise shaped Australian political and social life in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Professor Lake will chart Australia's growing cultural and political engagement with China from the 1960s with the decline of the White Australia Policy. While we know much about political exchanges, the strengthening of cultural ties during this period has not yet received appropriate historical scrutiny.

[Further Information](#)

### Conference, Australian & New Zealand Map Society Conference, "Southern Frontiers"

**17th-18th October 2025, Museum of New and Old Art, Hobart**

Early bird registrations are now open for the upcoming conference on the theme of "Southern Frontiers", held by the Australian & New Zealand Map Society. [The full program is now available](#). The conference will feature selections from The Robert Clancy Collection, an overview of MONA's collections, and lots of guest speakers. The conference will be held at MONA's beautiful Eros and Thanos rooms, in the Ether building adjacent to the main Museum building.

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### Book Launch

23rd September 2025, 6—7.30pm AEST, 239 A'Beckett Street Melbourne and online via Zoom

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today's much-loved suburb of North Melbourne.

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### **Online Research Seminar - Abortion Access in Rural Australia: A Feminist Exploration**

**Australian Women's and Gender Studies Association, Friday 28th November 10-11am AWST**

At this online research seminar we will hear from Sophie Hindes and Brooklyn Donnelly.

[Further Information](#)

## **Jobs and Opportunities**

### **Call for Applications for the Richard Mackay Scholarship**

At its 2024 Annual General Meeting in Perth, Australia ICOMOS established a special higher degree research scholarship named in honour and recognition of the outstanding contribution to the success of the ICOMOS General Assembly 2023 made by Prof Richard Mackay, AM. The Australia ICOMOS Richard Mackay Scholarship is an annual scholarship of \$10,000 for research related expenses for an enrolled higher degree student with an approved research plan.

**Applications are due by 5pm 20th October, 2025**

[Further Information](#)

### **InASA ECR Publication Subsidy Scheme**

In 2018, the International Australian Studies Association (InASA) established a publishing subsidy scheme designed to assist early career researchers working in Australian Studies. The subsidy is designed to assist early career researchers in a publishing venture, or for the inclusion of essential items such as illustrations, photographs or maps.

**Applications close: 8th September 2025**

[Further Information](#)

### **Indigenous Land and Justice Research Group Scholarship**

#### **University of New South Wales**

The purpose of this \$15,000 scholarship is to support an Indigenous student to conduct Honours research that contributes to the theory and practice of Aboriginal self-determination policy. The student will have the opportunity undertake research with the support of experienced Indigenous scholars and allies, while also developing knowledge and workforce skills relevant to the public sector. This scholarship is part of an ARC Discovery Indigenous Grant awarded to Professor Heidi Norman, which examines how Aboriginal Affairs governance has operated in the era of self-determination since 1980 to today.

[Further Information](#)

### **Books for Review for JACANZS**

The Book Reviews Editor of ACNZSN's *Journal of Australian, Canadian, and Aotearoa New Zealand Studies (JACANZS)* is looking for reviewers of several books for the journal. If you are interested in reviewing any of the titles, please contact the Book Reviews Editor, Dr. Jatinder Mann.

[Further Information](#)

### **Australasian Mining History Association Best Paper Award**

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### Further Information

#### **Lynette Russell Prize for First Peoples' History in Schools 2025**

The prize is awarded based on a project that displays knowledge, engagement and creativity, taking into consideration the year level of the student/s. The project submitted may take any form: written, visual, digital or performative. It may be a project or work completed in class or outside of class as an additional activity.

### Further Information

#### **National Library of Australia Community Heritage Grants**

The Community Heritage Grants 2025 Round is now open. Please read the Guidelines for further information. The program supports community organisations to care for Australian moveable, cultural heritage collections. Since 1994, this program has provided more than \$9.3 million dollars in funding to over 1,700 projects across Australia.

### Further Information

#### **PhD Scholarship, Environmental History of Sydney Seascape, UTS**

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#### **Asia-Pacific Academic Mentoring Program**

##### **International Science Council**

The Asia-Pacific Academic Mentoring Program connects early-career researchers (ECRs) from Asia and the Pacific with senior scientists and scientific leaders from across Australia. The program aims to guide young scientists to become future leaders in academia within their home region. The Program will run for one year, with monthly online meetings between the mentor and the mentee. The ISC RFP-AP will provide financial support to the selected ECRs to assist in international travel to take part in the program launch in Canberra, Australia in September 2025. Mentees and mentors will also be supported by the ISC RFP-AP to attend Australia's premiere science event, **Science at the Shine Dome**.

### Further Information

#### **Jane Hansen Prize for History Advocacy**

The Jane Hansen Prize for History Advocacy was established in 2020 to recognise the efforts of a group or individual that has advocated for the value of history, the work of historians and/or the importance of an education in history. An annual prize of \$1000 is offered. Winners will also be recognised with a certificate, acknowledgement via the HCV's publications and social media, and year-long membership to the HCV Friends. The winner is announced in conjunction with the HCV's Annual Lecture each year.

Enquiries: [info@historycouncilvic.org.au](mailto:info@historycouncilvic.org.au)

### Further Information

#### **PhD Opportunity, History of the Communist Party in Australia, 1970-1991**

##### **Australian National University**

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the late Professor Stuart Macintyre and is valued at AU\$100,000 over a four year period.

### **Deadline for applications 31st October 2025**

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### **Job, Australian National Maritime Museum, First Nations Program Lead**

As one of Sydney's most visited museums, the Australian National Maritime Museum shares our national maritime story across Australia and the world, online, onsite and through research, presentations and travelling exhibitions, and provides must-visit museum experiences that delight and inspire.

The First Nations Programs Lead is responsible for coordinating the effective planning, programming and delivery of exhibitions, public programs and site activations as well as digital and social media outputs.

This position will support the operation of the Museum's Indigenous initiatives and engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups and communities across Australia to deliver Indigenous-specific projects, programs and exhibitions. Based within the Knowledge team, this role includes liaison and collaboration with all sections to embed Indigenous knowledges and cultural perspectives across the Museum.

### **Applications due 3rd September 2025**

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### **History Australia Book Reviewers**

Interested candidates should provide their name, position, and areas of expertise to Elizabeth Roberts-Pedersen ([elizabeth.roberts-pedersen@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:elizabeth.roberts-pedersen@newcastle.edu.au)) or Mirela Cufurovic ([mcufurovic@csu.edu.au](mailto:mcufurovic@csu.edu.au)).

## **Calls for Papers**

### **Call for Papers: Transnational Histories of Colonial South Western Australia**

#### **Limina: A Journal of Historical and Cultural Studies**

*Limina: A Journal of Historical and Cultural Studies*, in recognition of the forthcoming 150th anniversary of the Catalpa Escape from the Swan River penal colony, invites submissions for a special edition exploring the transnational dimensions of colonial South Western Australia's history. We seek scholarship that illuminates how this distant colony participated in and was shaped by global flows of people, ideas, commodities, and power from its discovery by Europeans to the 1920s. We encourage submissions that challenge traditional narratives of colonial isolation and demonstrate the complex ways in which South Western Australia was embedded within broader transnational networks and global historical processes.

#### **Submission deadline: 15th October 2025**

Once complete, please submit your manuscript to the following emails:

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[daniel.elias@nd.edu.au](mailto:daniel.elias@nd.edu.au)

### **Conference, The Spirit of 1975: Transformations in Australian Labour History**

#### **Journal, *Australasian Parliamentary Review***

The journal of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group, [\*Australasian Parliamentary Review\*](#) is currently accepting articles for review, to be published in mid-November 2025. Articles of up to 6,000 words, or short comment pieces of up to 1,500 words, are welcome in the *Review*, the premier regional publication

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**Founding Stories, Forging Communities, Feminist Futures: Nurturing Feminist Histories in Precarious Times****A Joint Australian Women's History Network Symposium and Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Lilith: A Feminist History Journal****24th-25th November, University of Melbourne**

This two-day symposium will take stock of the past, present and future of feminist history scholarship at a time when the field is increasingly under siege. The humanities are facing unprecedented challenges and 'diversity' of all kinds is under attack. We hope that this event can replenish feminist history communities through looking back, celebrating the work we are doing now, and looking ahead to consider the future of feminist histories in Australia and beyond. We particularly seek papers which speak to the themes of 'founding stories', 'forging communities', 'feminist futures', and the context of precarity.

**Submissions: Please send a paper title, abstract of no more than 200 words and short biography of up to 50 words to: [auswhn@gmail.com](mailto:auswhn@gmail.com)**

**Studies in Oral History, Issue No. 47****The Power of Oral History – Risks, Rewards & Possibilities**

Oral history presents many possibilities; yet these possibilities come with risk as well as reward – recording sensitive subjects is never easy. Creating an oral history production takes time, skill and care, and sometimes goes wrong. Imaginative re-uses of oral history recordings can raise ethical and legal complexities. And oral histories that disrupt accepted narratives can generate pain and conflict in families, communities and nations. We invite papers that employ or interrogate oral history methodologies and illuminate aspects of the risks, rewards and possibilities of oral history.

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