

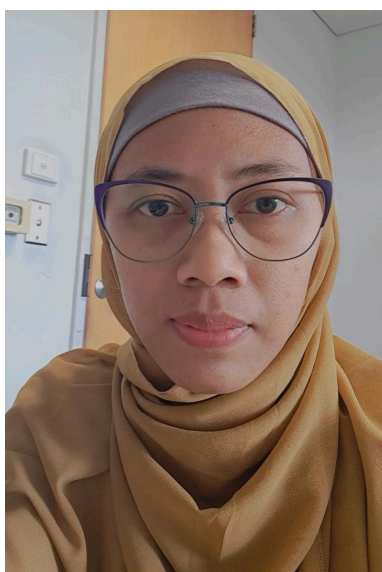
AUSTRALIAN STUDIES BULLETIN

Welcome to the Australian Studies Research Network

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Profile - Ratri Wulandari

Ratri Wulandari, a doctoral student in Architecture at UWA, is reviewing the industrial plantation landscape in West Java, Indonesia. She extracts knowledge from the Australian experience and sciences in heritage that includes the indigenous and the colonial. Through the lens of post-colonialism and cultural landscape, the plantation landscape and architecture are examined as colonial architecture and heritage. She draws perspectives from Australian heritage practices and debates on various subjects, including the everyday heritage. Through the way the built environment and natural environment of the colonial plantations being shaped, by and for industrial needs, and how the built and the natural interact with the people through their daily routine and domestication process, the plantation's heritage value and importance to its surrounding societies are identified. Her research discovers that the industrial colonial plantation is not only a remnant of the past, but is a place of negotiation, cultural exchange and hybridisation. In addition to her study, Ratri is an academician at Telkom University Indonesia as well as a heritage practitioner involves in assisting Indonesian government, Indonesia local heritage NGO, and a member of ICOMOS. Her study at UWA is sponsored by LPDP Indonesia.



Events - Western Australia

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WA Women's Hall of Fame inductee, Dianne (Di) Ryder OAM is a quintessential grandmother and much-loved Aboriginal Elder, who says she wasted her education in the convent school she attended in Toodyay in the 1960s, but got a second chance in the most unlikely place: the Australian Army.

[Further Information](#)

***Striking Ore: The Rise and Fall of Union Power in the Pilbara* Book Launch**

Planet Books, Mount Lawley, Thursday 19th June, 6:30-8pm

Planet Books, The Centre for Western Australian History, Australian Society for the Study for Labour History and Monash University Publishing are delighted to invite you to a conversation event to celebrate the publication of Alexis Vassiley's *Striking Ore: The Rise and Fall of Union Power in the Pilbara*.

[Further Information](#)

Weaving History into Film Making - History West Annual Lecture 2025

UWA University Club, Wednesday 2nd July, 6:30-7:30pm

[Further Information](#)

Faces and Spaces of Cockburn

Royal Historical Society of Western Australia Affiliated Societies Annual State Conference

12th-14th September 2025, Jakovich Centre

[Further Information](#)

Western Australia's Female Convicts - History West Talk

Wednesday 16th July, 5:30pm

[Further Information](#)

Jobs and Opportunities - Western Australia

Danjoo Koorliny Djilba Summit

EOIs now open

The Danjoo Koorliny Summit 2025 will bring together over 1,000 leaders, changemakers, and innovators to reshape how we invest in First Nations-led futures — across energy, enterprise, land, data, governance, and culture. Pitch to Prosperity is a bold new feature of this year's Summit — a curated, high-trust investment platform where Aboriginal-led businesses connect directly with aligned investors. This is about unlocking real capital, forging strategic partnerships, and accelerating scalable growth — not someday, but now.

[Further Information](#)

Curator, Fremantle Prison

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

This is a unique opportunity for an experienced Curator to manage day-to-day care, monitoring, and documentation of Fremantle Prison's collections and database while supporting the Senior Curator in exhibition administration from development through evaluation. The role involves delivering contemporary curatorial activities that provide high-quality visitor experiences and meet stakeholder needs, with this

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Contact Olimpia.Cullity@fremantleprison.com.au for more information.

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Senior Education Officer

National Trust of Western Australia

This role involves the provision of expertise and advice regarding Commonwealth, State and Local Government policies, strategies and proposals that impact on heritage places or issues. A focus will be to respond on behalf of the National Trust on proposals, plans and other actions which impact on cultural heritage places or issues.

[Further information](#)

Events

Australian Historical Association Annual Conference 2025

James Cook University, 30th June - 4th July 2025

Historians engage in many forms of looking up. The popular image of a historian is a person with their head down in the depths of an archive or library looking up books and documents. However, historians are at their most impactful when they also look up at the world around them and connect their work to contemporary issues. The first historians and custodians of what is now Australia literally looked up to the stars that served as calendars and markers of the passage of time. From ancient times to the present, historians have looked up at the power structures that shape society. In Australia, the phrase “looking up” also has a significant geographical dimension. Most of Australia’s population (and most of its historians) work in the southeast corner of the continent, even while nearly half the continent lies in the tropics. Periodically policy makers have looked up to northern Australia and the nations of the ‘near north’ and seen both threats and opportunities. In 2025 the AHA offers historians an opportunity to engage with the scale and place of the Australian continent and its history.

[Further Information](#)

Jobs and Opportunities

Postdoctoral Research Associate in Pacific History

University of Sydney

The School of Humanities is inviting applications for the GC Henderson Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Pacific History to undertake research in Pacific History. As a Postdoctoral Research Fellow Pacific History, you will conduct community-led and/or community-engaged research in Indigenous and Pacific History in the [Discipline of History](#) aligning with our research strategy in several key areas, including imperial and colonial studies, Indigenous studies, de-colonial studies, and Asia-Pacific Studies. This role will also align with the research strategy of the [Vere Gordon Childe Centre](#) for the Study of Humanity through Time.

Applications close 15th June 2025

[Further information](#)

The Program brings early and mid-career researchers to the ANU campus to conduct and share research that promotes the study of Australia or transnational and comparative research involving Australia.

Applications close 23rd June 2025

[Further Information](#)

Chancellor's Research Fellowships, UTS (Sydney)

A four-year combination research and teaching appointment Research project funding of up to A\$50,000
Access to the International Research Development Scheme Early Career Researcher development and support Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching

Closes 10th June 2025

[Further information](#)

Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research

The Academy of Social Sciences in Australia is now accepting applications for the Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research, which honour Australians within five years of receiving their doctorate (with allowances for career interruptions) who have achieved scholarly excellence in the social sciences. Four recipients are selected annually by Academy Panel Committees and receive a Testamur and Medallion, with the Academy coordinating a lecture at their home university the following year and promoting their research through media activities.

Applications close 31st July 2025

[Further Information](#)

Australasian Mining History Association Best Paper Award

An award of \$500 and 12 months free AMHA membership is offered for the best paper published in the refereed section of the Journal of Australasian Mining History by an early career historian.

[Further Information](#)

Forrest Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026, Western Australia

The Forrest Research Foundation is offering up to five prestigious three-year postdoctoral Fellowships in 2026 to outstanding researchers from around the world to conduct paradigm-shifting research based at any of Western Australia's five universities. Note that scholars in the humanities are among the current fellows.

Closing 30th June

[Further information](#)

State Library NSW Fellowships, Applications Now Open

Applications are now open for the suite of fellowships offered by the State Library of NSW. These include:

- Coral Thomas Fellowship: \$120,000
- Imago Fellowship: \$50,000
- Australian Religious History Fellowship: \$20,000
- CH Currey Memoria Fellowship: \$20,000

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- Nancy Keesing AM Fellowship: \$25,000
- Merewether Fellowship: \$12,000
- David Scott Mitchell Memorial Fellowship: \$12,000
- Ross Steele AM Fellowship: \$12,000

Applications close 11th July 2025

[Further information](#)

Lynette Russel 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](#)

Whitlam Institute Palace Letters Fellowship, Applications Now Open

The Whitlam Institute is pleased to open applications for the Palace Letters Fellowship – an exceptional opportunity for early career researchers and PhD candidates to explore the constitutional and political significance of the 1975 dismissal of the Whitlam Government through research drawing on the historic correspondence between Governor-General Sir John Kerr and Queen Elizabeth II, released following Emeritus Professor Jenny Hocking AM's landmark legal campaign in 2020. Successful candidates will pursue high-quality, high-impact research producing peer-reviewed publications, lead Institute activities such as research workshops and public forums, and complete their fellowship by 31 July 2026, with funding up to AUD \$15,000 available to cover stipend, travel, and accommodation costs.

[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](#)

ANU Australian Studies Institute, Visiting Fellowship Program 2025

AuSI is now accepting applications for its 2025 Visiting Fellowship Program, which brings early and mid-career researchers from Australian and overseas institutions to ANU campus to conduct research that promotes the study of Australia or transnational and comparative research involving Australia. Visiting Fellows become part of the ANU community, collaborating with academics, presenting seminars, and attending Institute events, with fellowship proposals required to relate to themes including institutions and

Applications close midnight (AEST) 23rd June 2025[Further Information](#)**International Oral History Association Awards, Application Deadline Extended**

The International Oral History Association (IOHA) is extending the deadline to submit an application for the IOHA Book Award, IOHA Honorary Award and IOHA Media Award.

Applications close 15th June 2025[Further information](#)**Lecturer in Art History and Art Curatorship****University of Melbourne****0.8 FTE continuing**

Shape the future of art curatorship as a Lecturer in Art History, blending academic expertise with hands-on museum experience to inspire the next generation of cultural stewards.

[Further Information](#)**Faculty of Arts, Monash University - Multiple Opportunities Available**

Monash University are seeking exceptional academics to join us in the role of Lecturer (Education Focused). Responsibilities will include designing, delivering, and evaluating engaging teaching activities, consulting with students, and fostering inclusive, student-centred learning environments. You will lead teams in implementing effective marking and feedback practices, develop and administer units or courses, and engage in scholarly activities that demonstrate advanced understanding of educational practice. Additionally, you will supervise Honours and Research Higher Degree students and actively participate in initiatives to advance education excellence and student success across the University.

[Further Information](#)**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](#)**Inaugural Dr Zeny Edwards OAM Student Research Fellowship, Museum of History NSW**

This fellowship offers students enrolled in third-year undergraduate or postgraduate programs at a NSW university the opportunity to undertake an eight-week paid research placement with Museums of History NSW (MHNSW). The program will offer a focused period of research based on selected MHNSW

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understanding of the history of New South Wales while contributing to public knowledge of MHNSW's diverse collections, which include historic buildings and sites, related objects, the NSW State Archives Collection, and the Caroline Simpson Library Collection.

Applications close Friday 11th July, 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) or Mirela Cufurovic (mcufurovic@csu.edu.au).

Calls for Papers

2025 HETSA Conference

University of Western Australia, 16th-18th July 2025

We are now calling for papers relating to any aspect of the history of economic thought broadly considered. Contributions are especially welcome from students and we are very open to contributions from scholars whose primary discipline is not the history of economic thought (such as, history of science, history of philosophy and political economy) whose work is relevant to issues in our field.

[Further Information](#)

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

Symposium, Australian Women's History Network and *Lilith: A Feminist History Journal*, "Nurturing Feminist Histories in Precarious Times: Looking Back, Moving Forward"

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One strand of the symposium will specifically reflect on *Lilith's* history - the foundational role it has played in the development of Australian women's, gender and feminist history over more than 40 years, and looking ahead to how it might build on this legacy.

Abstracts due 29th August 2025

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.

[Further Information](#)

2025 Australasian Mining History Conference

1st–6th September 2025, Broken Hill, NSW

Abstracts will soon be open for the 2025 Australasian Mining History Conference.

[Further information](#)

Special Issue, The Great Circle

The oceans are rapidly changing around us, as exploration and exploitation of the subsurface realm is accelerating. Coastlines are under threat, challenging maritime cultural landscapes, while both offshore energy generation and illegal salvage threaten underwater cultural heritage sites. Museums large and small face changing demographics, shifting visitor expectations and ongoing commercial pressures. What are the other issues facing maritime heritage in today's environment? Edited by Professor Rod Mather, Dr John Jensen and Dr Peter Hobbins, this special issue of *The Great Circle* seeks to survey contemporary maritime heritage in the Indo-Pacific region. Contributions are welcome on diverse topics: archaeology and heritage regulation; museums and collections; places and spaces; communities and controversies. Peer-reviewed research articles of up to 10,000 words (including endnotes) and non-peer reviewed research notes of up to 3,000 words (including endnotes) are both welcomed.

Call for Papers closes 1st August 2025

[Further information](#)

Conference, “Haunted? Tracing the Spectral in Australasian Ballet”

31 October 2025, Forum Theatre, Arts West, University of Melbourne

Ballet is a form that remains haunted by its own past, unable to escape its various ghosts, spirits, willis and sylphs. Its stages have long been sites for representing the spectral, transforming performances into mediums for ghosts to reappear and for rituals of mourning to be performed. In Australia, in particular, ballet is a dance genre that remains doubly haunted by its colonial history: on the one hand it is a site for conjuring alien spirits, such as the lyrebird, and adapting their already existing sacraments and ceremonies, while on the other it is a site of absence, erasure and haunted silences.

This one-day symposium at the University of Melbourne invites researchers and artists to engage with this specifically Australasian history of hauntings, revisiting and revising the local history of ballet, its missing stories and its spectral presence in other narrative and dance forms.

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