
ORAL HISTORY NETWORK NEWS

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Dear Member

Welcome to the first edition of Network News for 2023.

The committee is busy planning a year of events, workshops and more ways to celebrate, educate and share in the passion of Oral History. I'd like to thank our continuing committee members for their dedication, care and generosity, and warmly welcome our newest committee members Alexandra Mountain, Emma Ramsay, Eureka Henrich and Margaret Leask, who are already bringing great enthusiasm and ideas to the committee.

In 2023 we continue our regular online drop-in chats via Zoom and invite you to share the projects you are working on, or questions or advice you might have about oral history. Registrations are now open for next month's Introduction to Oral History seminar presented online by Vice President Scott McKinnon, and applications are now open for the Oral History NSW Community History Award and the International Conference Grant.

Keep an eye out for the latest events and opportunities throughout the year, updates on our activities will be posted via our website, social media and right here in Network News. If you are experienced in conducting oral histories and are based in NSW or the ACT we encourage you to add your details to the [Register](#) of Oral History Practitioners which will be published on our website.

Lastly, whether you're a new member (welcome!) or have been with us over the years, we'd love to hear your feedback and suggestions via our short [Member Survey](#). We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

*Maria Savvidis
President, Oral History NSW*

Oral History NSW & Oral History Australia

Oral History NSW Online drop-in chat

5 April 2023, 5.30-6.30pm, via Zoom

Join committee members online from Oral History NSW to talk all things oral history. This is a casual forum to discuss, share and ask any questions, advice or thoughts you might have on oral history with us and each other. We'd especially be interested to hear about projects or interviews you're working on or planning.

Free, for more information and the link visit our [website](#).

An Introduction to Oral History: Key Principles Everyone Should Know

29 April 2023, 10am-12pm, via Zoom

In this introductory seminar, Oral History NSW Vice President Scott McKinnon will explore some of the key ideas behind oral history as a research methodology and will outline important steps in planning oral history projects, including tips on preparing for, undertaking and preserving interviews. To register and for more information visit our [website](#).

Grants and Awards

Oral History NSW administers grants and awards to support our members to access opportunities. Applications are now open for the *Oral History NSW Community History Award*, and the *International Conference Grant* to support a member presenting in person at the 2023 International Oral History Association Conference (IOHA) in Rio de Janeiro. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Register of Oral History Practitioners

Oral History NSW is compiling a register of members available for different aspects of oral history work – interviewers, transcriptionists, whatever your area of expertise! If you would like to be included on the register, visit our [website](#) and fill in the form.

CALL FOR REPORTS: Oral History Australia Journal No. 45, 2023

Submissions are now invited for reports to be published in the 2023 issue of *Studies in Oral History* (No. 45).

Please note the reports section is not peer-reviewed; notes from the field, updates on exciting new work, or reflections on the process and/or outcomes of oral history projects are encouraged. Reports which relate to the issue theme of 'Oral History in Troubling Times: Opportunities & Challenges' are welcome but not mandatory.

Deadline for report submissions: 30 April 2023

More information and submission guidelines [here](#)

News & Events

Pride Line

The State Library of NSW wants you to give them a call and add your pride story to the historic record on Pride Line, a dedicated phone number where anyone can ring up and record a voice message with their thoughts, feelings and experiences to become part of the State Library's LGBTQI+ collections. For more info visit the Library's [website](#)

NSW Premier's History Awards

Entries are now open for the 2023 NSW Premier's History Awards within 6 categories. The total prize pool is \$85,000 administered by the State Library of NSW in association with Create NSW. Visit the Library's [website](#) for guidelines and more information. Entries close 5pm, 6 April 2023.

Lane Cove History Prize 2023

Calling all local and oral historians! Sponsored by the Lane Cove Historical Society, the competition is open to all with an interest in Lane Cove and its past. Submissions can be written essays, oral histories or DVDs. For more information visit the [website](#). Entries close 31 August 2023.

Call for papers

Public History in European Historical Perspectives

14-15 September 2023, University of Luxembourg

According to international literature, public history emerged as a subfield of history in the United States in the 1970s. University programs, conferences, journals, grants, and networks of public history indeed flourished in North America in the last 50 years. However, some public historical practices have existed in Europe - without bearing the name of public history - long before the institutionalisation of the field in the 1970s. It is this long history of public historical practices in Europe that this international conference aims to uncover. For more information visit the [website](#).

Deadline for all proposals is 1 April 2023.

PHA Conference: Other Histories : Other Audiences

16-17 September 2023, Adelaide

Members of Australia's professional historians' associations are invited to submit proposals for papers to be delivered at the forthcoming national conference.

Abstracts due 3 April 2023.

NZHA 2023 Conference : Practical history in the real world

21-24 November 2023, University of Canterbury, Ōtautahi Christchurch

Papers are welcomed from teachers, students, researchers, archivists, curriculum developers, historical practitioners, and those with a general interest in history. Please note that presenters at the conference must hold a current NZHA subscription. For more information visit the NZHA [website](#).

Deadline 30 June 2023.

Reading & Listening

OHNSW Conference Grant: Presenter blogs

In 2022 two grants were offered by Oral History NSW for presenters attending the Biennial OHA conference in Launceston, awarded to Louise Whelan and Long Yin Ko. Read more about their reflections on attending and presenting at the conference and more about their work in oral history:

- [Recording Narrated Memories](#) - Oral History in Troubling Times: Opportunities & Challenges.
- [Not only in English](#): Oral histories with Cantonese (or other non-native English) speakers in Australia

Listening to Darlinghurst

In this series of richly produced [audio stories](#), Darlinghurst's vibrant social history is brought to life. Featuring contemporary voices and voices from the past: workers and activists, bohemians and street people, artists and custodians, entrepreneurs and flaneurs.

Making Place and Community: Contrasting Lesbian and Gay, Feminist and Queer Oral History Projects in Brighton and Leeds

Alison Oram, *The Oral History Review*. Volume 49, 2022 - Issue 2

This [article](#) compares the aims, approaches, and structures of queer community history-making over the past thirty years in two English cities, the south coast seaside resort of Brighton, nationally known as a hub of gay life, and the northern postindustrial city of Leeds. It will discuss the formation and objectives of seven LGBT, feminist, and queer oral history projects in these cities, their funding and increasing professionalisation, their local impact, and, finally, the issues raised by the shift in conceptualisation from "lesbian and gay" to "queer."

STUDIES IN ORAL HISTORY JOURNAL

The latest issue of *Studies in Oral History* Issue 44 focuses on Migrant Voices: Community Collaboration and Telling Migration Histories.

To view or download the full issue visit the OHA [website](#).

Hard Rain: Bob Dylan, Oral Cultures, and the Meaning of History

Alessandro Portelli, Columbia University Press

This wide-ranging work weaves together oral history interviews with Portelli's autobiographical reflections and critical analysis, and speaks to the enduring appeal of Dylan's music. Visit the Columbia University Press [site](#) to read an excerpt.

Conferences

27th SEAPAVAA (SouthEast Asia-Pacific Audiovisual Archive Association) Conference

8-13 May 2023, Pattaya, Thailand

The conference theme is "**Sustainable AV Archives For The Community**". The conference will be hosted by the Thai Film Archive (Public Organization). It is the Association's first in-person event since 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Visit the [conference website](#).

Oral History Society: Making Histories Together

23-24 June 2023, Nottingham Trent University, UK

Collaboration in the planning, collection, analysis, and dissemination of oral histories as a means of democratising historical research has become a common aspect of doing oral history work across settings and disciplines. Yet an exploration of these processes is often left out of published accounts. This [conference](#) aims to explore the knotty issues of collaboration, power and partnership working in oral history.

Australian Historical Association Conference

3-6 July 2023, ACU Melbourne

The 41st AHA Conference will bring together scholars from across the disciplines with a shared interest in history. The conference is open to academics, students and community members wishing to share their research and hear about the latest developments in history studies. The theme is 'Milestones.' Visit the conference [website](#) for more info.

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

25-28 July 2023, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The 22nd IOHA conference theme is 'Oral History in a Digital and Audiovisual World'. More information about the conference can be found [here](#).

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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.

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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
- Discounts on OHA and OHNSW 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



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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