



Giving Voice to the Past

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the April edition of Network News.

We hope attendees of our recent 'Introduction to Oral History' seminar presented by Vice President Scott McKinnon were inspired and energised to start planning their own interviews and projects. If you have more questions and want to discuss further about all things oral history, our online [drop-in chats](#) are the perfect place to get advice from other practitioners and committee members.

In June our popular full day online workshop [Capturing Memories](#) is back. This is a great opportunity for those new to oral history or anyone wanting a refresher, to delve into the essential planning and ethics of conducting interviews plus lots of helpful guidance on technical aspects, recording equipment and everything in between.

Our regular newsletter Network News is an important way for our members to stay informed and connected, and to share their work with the broader oral history community. If you have a project or interview you'd like to share please [get in touch](#). Many thanks to committee member Alexandra Mountain for her help in putting this edition together.

As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions via our short [Member Survey](#) and look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon.

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President, Oral History NSW

Oral History NSW & Oral History Australia

Oral History NSW Online drop-in chat

11 May 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 your thoughts on oral history. 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](#).

Capturing Memories – online workshop

17 June 2023, online via Zoom

Oral History NSW presents a practical workshop for those interested in recording the experiences of family, friends, local communities, history of museum items or any other project incorporating memories of the past. This online workshop will equip you to undertake your own oral history interviews.

Bookings are now open, visit the website for more info and to [register](#).

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.

Extended Deadline for Reports: Oral History Australia Journal 2023

The deadline for submissions for reports to be published in the 2023 issue of *Studies in Oral History No. 45* has been extended. 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. More information and submission guidelines [here](#)

New extended deadline for report submissions: 14 May 2023

News & Events

Launch of the new oral history publication *Becoming a Mother: An Australian History* by Carla Pascoe Leahy

Through more than 60 interviews with a diverse group of Australian women, Carla has charted the ways in which mothering has shifted along with wider Australian society, and the ways it has stayed the same. The book will launch on 13 May in

Victoria. To find out more about the event and *Becoming a Mother*, see [here](#).

Virtual panel: Genocide Research and Vicarious Trauma - A Self Care Discussion

4 May 2023 at 12:30pm EST, online via Zoom

This webinar-style panel discussion explores the causes and impact of vicarious trauma and offer suggestions for self-care and healthy research practices. It has been found that researchers, students, and scholars studying genocide, human rights, and atrocity crimes are at a high risk of experiencing distress, burn out, and vicarious trauma from their work.

To register for the discussion please visit [here](#).

The Pen/Jean Stein Grants for Literary Oral History 2024

The PEN/Jean Stein Grants for Literary Oral History recognize literary works of nonfiction that use oral history to illuminate an event, individual, place, or movement. Applicants do not have to be a US citizen or working on US oral history projects to apply, but the proposed work does need to be in English. Entries for the 2024 cycle will be accepted 1 April to 1 June 2023.

For more information, please visit the Pen America website [here](#).

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

PHA 2023 Conference - Other Histories: Other Audiences

16-17 September 2023, Adelaide, South Australia

The aim of the conference is to showcase the diversity of work undertaken by professional historians and explore challenges confronting them as they work on contracts with clients and in areas beyond the academy. See the call for papers [here](#).

The deadline for abstracts is **8 May 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 for submissions is 30 June 2023.

Reading & Listening

Recording and Documenting Community History

In this [blog post](#) Oral History NSW Committee member Emma Ramsay writes about attending the recent CMTO course presented by Dr Elaine Rabbitt.

Oral Histories / Museum Histories

Pamela M. Henson, Smithsonian Institution

This online lecture explores the Smithsonian's Institutional Oral History Program that begun in 1973 and what projects it is recording today. Watch the video [online](#).

The Museum of Civilian Voices

Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, the Museum has become a chronicle of tragedies of all the Ukrainian people. All the stories posted in the *Museum of Civilian Voices* were told by their authors in the first person and reflect the opinion and experience of a specific narrator.

Visit the [website](#) to learn more about their stories.

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](#).

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. Visit the [conference website](#).

Oral History Network of Ireland 2023 Conference: Power and Resistance

16-17 June, Dooley's Hotel, Waterford Co., Waterford

At every stage of the process, oral history projects may be impacted by and engage with issues of power and resistance. Oral histories offer unique insights into the operations of power and resistance in our societies in the past and present. This is not confined to issues of political power and resistance but can include everything from power dynamics within personal relationships, to understanding minority-majority group experiences.

Visit the [conference website](#).

Oral History Society: Making Histories Together

23-24 June 2023, Nottingham Trent University, UK (hybrid conference)

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.

41st Australian Historical Association (AHA) Conference

3-6 June, ACU Melbourne

The theme of the conference is “Milestones” to mark the 50th anniversary of the Australian Historical Association, and to encourage reflection: on the historical profession in Australia, how far the nation has come, and the many things it still has to deliver. This conference will be an opportunity to take stock of what has been, interrogate the place of historical knowledge and teaching in contemporary society, and ponder potential futures.

Visit the conference [website](#) for more information.

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. Forward copy to or contact the Editor: networknews@oralhistorynsw.org.au

What Membership of Oral History NSW gives you:

- Oral History Network News, our e-newsletter keeping you in touch with current topics and events of interest to oral historians
- Discounts on oral history seminars and training workshops
- Opportunities for informal exchange of ideas and experience
- Awards and Grants – [find out more](#) about our awards & support for oral historians
- Discount on the Biennial National Oral History Conference held 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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