

# ORAL HISTORY NETWORK NEWS

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*Welcome to our June edition of Network News for 2023.*

*We had an incredible time on Saturday, June 13 at our popular Capturing Memories workshop. Dr. Shirleene Robinson and Andrew Host led a wonderfully thoughtful and curious cadre of oral history practitioners, discussing topics as varied as essential planning and ethics of conducting interviews through to technical issues and trouble-shooting with oral history recording equipment. These workshops are an incredible opportunity to not only be guided by leading experts in our field, but also meet and talk with the vibrant community members of Oral History NSW. Thanks to both Shirleene and Andrew!*

*Andrew will be leading his technical workshop, Mastering the Recording workshop on August 19. Given the attention and hands-on practical experience this workshop focuses on, Mastering the Recording will be held in person at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts. This workshop is an excellent space to*

*become comfortable with the technical aspects of oral history recordings - an often intimidating task! For more information and to register for the workshop, visit our website here.*

*For those whose membership renews at the beginning of each financial year, renewal notices were sent by email on Tuesday, 20th June. Please check your email inboxes, and if you haven't received your renewal, please check your spam or junk folders.*

*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.*

*Alexandra Mountain  
Editor, Network News*

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## **Oral History NSW & Oral History Australia**

### **Oral History NSW online drop-in chat**

13 July 2023, 5:30-6:30pm, online 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 questions, advice, or your thoughts on oral history.

Free, for more information please visit our [website](#).

### **Mastering the Recording – in-person workshop**

19 August 2023, 9:30am-4:30pm, in-person

Keen to learn more about the technical side of oral history? This hands-on training day will cover a range of topics, including the recommended ways to set up your digital recorder, microphone placement, audio editing and processing, and archiving.

Bookings are now open, please visit our website for registration [details](#).

## **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. 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.

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## **News & Events**

### **Call for Oral Historian, Independent Project**

Sharon Millerchip is looking for an oral historian to interview her father-in-law Quentin Anthony. Quentin is currently on the list of potential interviewees for The Oral History and Indigenous Programme at the National Library, but as this waiting list is considerable she is interested in engaging an oral historian to conduct a series of interviews that the family would record and hold.

Quentin lives on the Central Coast of NSW and it would be ideal to find someone located close by, but she is willing to consider candidates from central Sydney.

Sharon is seeking an interviewer with a distinct interest and expertise in the below fields, as Quentin has lived a marvelous breadth of experiences - from his wartime childhood, his 15 years as Patrol Officer in Tribal New Guinea in the 1950's, his 30 year career internationally and in Australia with ASIO and his later years as a veteran athlete and coach at the Aust Institute of Sport.

Those interested are encouraged to contact Sharon at

[sharon@sharonmillerchip.com](mailto:sharon@sharonmillerchip.com).

### **Call for Oral Historian, Canberra Mothercraft Society History Project**

The Canberra Mothercraft Society is looking for an oral historian to conduct a series of oral histories with current and prior staff, Board Members, and policy makers to understand and preserve the history of the society. Ideally, the candidate would have a background in Women's Studies/History/Community based NFPs and with a particular focus on women's needs and experience. For more information, please see the Call for Applications [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.

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## **Reading & Listening**

### **Oral History Australia is now on Youtube!**

Their first videos are from our 2022 Oral History Australia Biennial Conference which was held in Launceston, Tasmania from 14-16 October. To see their new channel go to OHA YouTube channel, available [here](#).

### **Voices of Resistance and Hope**

This project aims to enhance the understanding, research, and teaching of Ukraine's recent history in the international academic field and, more broadly, in global narratives about protest movements, activism, and solidarity. Therefore, our task was to translate the collection materials into English and make them available on the website of the Urban Media Archive of the Center for Urban

History.

The formation of the oral history collection began in 2013, a few weeks after people across all of Ukraine took to the streets to protest the decision not to sign the Ukraine-European Union Association Agreement in favor of closer political and economic relations with Russia and to protest the brutal dispersal and beating of the first protesters in Kyiv. The interview responses were gathered in two stages, the first in December 2013 and the second in February 2014.

This collection has a unique potential to better our understanding of the individual at the Euromaidan protests – their beliefs, opinions, motives, and roles – as those categories usually get lost within analyses of the Euromaidan protests as a collective action. Visit [Voices of Resistance and Hope!](#)

### **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](#).

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## **Conferences**

### **41st Australian Historical Association Conference**

03-06 July, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

The conference theme 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. More information on the conference can be found [here](#).

### **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](mailto:networknews@oralhistorynsw.org.au)

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- 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  
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