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Welcome to our July edition of Network News for 2023.

Thank you to everyone who managed to come to our July drop-in session. As always, the conversation was lively and the community was vibrant and engaged. The drop-in sessions are a relaxed and informal environment to ask any questions you have about practicing oral history, and there are always committee members present to delve into tricky technical, ethical, or practical issues. It's also just a lot of fun to meet everyone and hear about the different projects happening in our communities. I highly recommend swinging by for our August drop-in chat.

Committee Member Andrew Host 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

Oral History NSW & Oral History Australia

Oral History NSW online drop-in chat

10 August 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, and will close August 13 2023. 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.

News & Events

Muswellbrook Shire Reminiscence Oral History: In Person Oral Histories

6 September 2023, Muswellbrook Library 10am-3pm

Muswellbrook Library invites residents of the Muswellbrook Shire to share their stories of growing up within the area. What has changed? What was your favourite pastime? What has changed the most within the area? Each Interview will be included in the Muswellbrook Shire Library Oral History Collection.

Bookings are essential for this event and you can register [here](#).

Call for Papers: Performing Arts Heritage Network Working Group

The Performing Arts Heritage Network (PAHN) will meet and share 20-minute work-in-progress papers focusing on the intersection of history and heritage in any material, format, genre, or level of society. Proposals should also reflect some engagement with the nature of collection(s), in line with the wider ADSA Conference. We also welcome proposals for panel discussions.

PAHN invites abstracts of 250 words responding to the questions below or other scholarly or creative provocations raised by ADSA's conference theme to be submitted via [this form](#) by the extended date of Monday, 31 July 2023.

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.

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.

Reading & Listening

Oral History Australia is now on Youtube!

To see their new channel go to OHA YouTube channel, available [here](#).

Their first videos are from our 2022 Oral History Australia Biennial Conference which was held in Launceston, Tasmania from 14-16 October.

The 100 Project

The 100 Project celebrates the lives and stories of Australia's 100-year-olds through a series of in-depth interviews. The best part: anyone can join! The 100 Project crowd sources interviews with centenarians, and edits the videos submitted for free, which are then posted to their digital archive. Check out their videos and listen to some amazing memories from participants [here](#).

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

Professional Historians Australia National Conference 2023 16-17 September 2023, Adelaide South Australia

The theme of the conference will be Other Histories: Other Audiences. The aim is to showcase the diversity of work undertaken by professional historians and explore challenges confronting them as they work to contracts with clients and in areas beyond the academy: work frequently extends from the concept stage through to production in a variety of formats. To see the conference webpage, go [here](#).

Australian Society for the Study of Labour History 18th Biennial Conference

23-25 November 2023, Canberra ACT

(Re)Sources: Historical Inquiry and Labour History Archives will enable us to reflect on the significance of archives and libraries to the study of history. Archives and collections provide individuals and communities, authors and historians, and unions and universities the opportunity to reflect on their pasts, recover lost voices, contextualise established ones, and check the facts. The conference webpage 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

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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.



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