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14 March 2024

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Sydney Hospital (RAHS Postcard Collection)



The 400th meeting of the GNB. The image includes [GNB members](#), councillors and secretariat.

Geographical Names Board celebrates milestone 400th meeting

The RAHS would like to congratulate the Geographical Names Board (GNB) on reaching a significant milestone on Tuesday, 5 April 2024—the 400th GNB meeting. The GNB hosted a special event at the State Library of NSW to mark this milestone, which was attended by RAHS President Dr Iain Stuart, RAHS Councillor Adjunct Associate Professor Carol Liston AO, and RAHS General Manager Suzanne Holohan. Carol is the current RAHS representative member of the GNB.

Established in 1966, the GNB is the official body for naming and recording details of places and geographical names in NSW. It has officially recorded 65,000 place names for mountains and rivers, along with suburbs, railway stations and other geographic features. The RAHS acknowledges the importance of this work as place names are an integral part of understanding the historical, cultural, and geographical context of NSW regions, suburbs and streets.

We also support the NSW Government's dual naming policy for geographical

cultural respect and reconciliation. It also contributes to preserving Aboriginal knowledge, revitalising languages, and enriching historical understanding.

At the State Library event, the GNB highlighted its ongoing commitment to Aboriginal place naming with a screening of [*Reawakening Aboriginal Place Names*](#). The NSW Dual Names Map, [available online](#), was the backdrop to the event's speeches. This included a presentation acknowledging the service of Dr. Peter Orlovich who has been an integral part of the GNB since 1966. He represented the RAHS on the GNB and was a RAHS Councillor. He made a significant contribution to the identification and research of historic place names across NSW, including playing a vital role in the Anzac Memorial Place Names Project: he assisted the GNB in identifying 1,701 hometowns of enlistees for the First World War.



Reopen, Re-engage, Rediscover: An Update from the History House Team

In our last e-news, we put out a call for volunteers. Since then, we have been *overwhelmed* by the number of responses. We thank everyone who has

The progress towards getting History House ready for reopening on 8th April continues. We have been busy behind the scenes with preparations so we can host events again at History House. In the meantime, members are welcome to visit our library by appointment. [Contact the Librarian](#) if you would like to use the library collections.

We are also pleased to announce that we are now taking venue hire bookings for 2024! Check out our new-look [venue hire website](#) and browse the new brochures. Contact us if you are interested in booking History House for your event. We offer competitive rates, and our venue is perfect for cocktail evenings, book launches, and lectures.

The March 2024 *History* magazine has just been published, and members should receive their copy soon if it hasn't already arrived. This issue was edited by RAHS Councillor Mark St Leon and is crammed with history content that embraces a diversity of subjects, including vaudeville, conservation, religion, alcohol and crime.

Finally, we want to remind members that the RAHS AGM will be held online via Zoom on **Tuesday, 16 April, at 6 pm**. RAHS members are encouraged to participate. If you wish to attend, please email admin@rahs.org.au and you will be forwarded the link. You can [download the AGM papers](#) from the website.

The RAHS History House Team



Carol Liston and Christine Yeats with Margaret Ertner (CCFHS)

Central Coast Regional Seminar - *Beyond the Digital Horizon: Trove, Libraries and Archives*

On 2 March the RAHS, in collaboration with the Central Coast Family History Society (CCFHS), held its first regional seminar for the year at Gosford. The RAHS acknowledges and thanks Create NSW for its support for these regional events for local and family history communities outside Sydney. The seminars play a crucial role in supporting continuing education and facilitate networking and collaboration among RAHS members and supporters in the regions.

The theme of the seminar was *Beyond the Digital Horizon: Trove, Libraries and Archives*. The speakers were Carol Liston AO and Christine Yeats. Carol and Christine took the 67 attendees down pathways of future research possibilities with presentations on Trove, immigration and shipping records (a refresher), an exploration of what's not online and then – the icing on the cake – Carol spoke about some of the hidden gems in the RAHS Library. As we all know events such as these don't just happen. The RAHS is grateful to the CCFHS team, in particular Marlene Davidson, for all their support in 'making it happen'. In conjunction with the seminar, the RAHS has added a booklet titled [Getting](#)

Carol and Christine were presented with a copy of the latest CCFHS publication, *Point Frederick Pioneer Park: Lives of the Pioneers*, for the RAHS Library.

Funding to print the publication came from the Cultural Grants Program – a Create NSW devolved funding program administered by the RAHS.

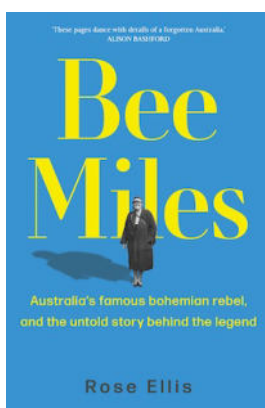
Christine Yeats

RAHS Senior Vice President



The Regional and Western Sydney Seminar Program is supported by grant funding from Create NSW. The aim of the program is to promote the study, writing and dissemination of Australian history. It aims to develop historical expertise in the community that will support history and heritage projects.

RAHS Events



RAHS Special Lecture

Bee Miles: Australia's Famous Bohemian Rebel

Speaker: Rose Ellis.

When: Tuesday, 19 March 2024 at 1.00 pm.

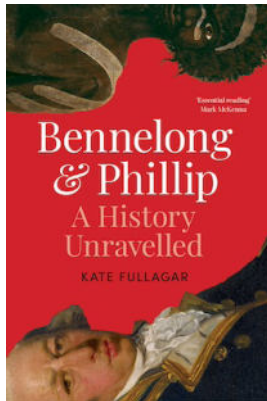
Where: Online via Zoom.

Cost: Free.

Bee Miles was famous for appearing in public in towns and cities across Australia, breaking their rules, and living, she said, 'recklessly'. But she was no ordinary wanderer. Born into a wealthy family, Bee moved in Sydney's literary and artistic circles in the 1920s and 1930s before she took up residence on the streets. A truly larger-than-life character, Bee constantly defied conventional expectations of female behaviour. Until

glimpse into a dark side of Australia's history.

RESERVE TICKETS



RAHS Day Lecture Bennelong and Phillip: A History Unravelling

Speaker: Kate Fullagar.

When: Wednesday, 3 April 2024 at 1.00 pm.

Where: Online via Zoom.

Cost: Free.

Kate Fullagar will speak about her new book, *Bennelong & Phillip: A History Unravelling*, the first joint biography of Bennelong and Governor Arthur Phillip, two pivotal figures in Australian history. Fullagar's account challenges many misconceptions, among them that Bennelong became alienated from his people and that Phillip was a paragon of Enlightenment benevolence. To present this history afresh, *Bennelong & Phillip* relates events in reverse, moving beyond the limitations of typical Western ways of writing about the past, which have long privileged the coloniser over the colonised.

RESERVE TICKETS



RAHS Day Lecture What Is So Good About Crime, Historians' Edition

Speaker: Nancy Cushing.

When: Wednesday, 1 May 2024 at 1.00 pm.

Where: Online via Zoom.

Cost: Free.

While crime statistics trend downward, the appetite for stories about crime just keeps growing. This abiding interest makes historical crime a tempting area for historians following their own interests or with a view to writing histories that people want to read. In 2018, I became part of this trend when I developed a course on

illustrating my points with examples from Australia's criminal past.

RESERVE TICKETS



Central Railway Station (RAHS Postcard Collection)

RAHS-ARHS/WEA Workshop **The Role of Railways in the Progress of NSW**

Speaker: James Dalton.

When: Thursday, 16 May 2024 at 11.00 am.

Where: Online via Zoom.

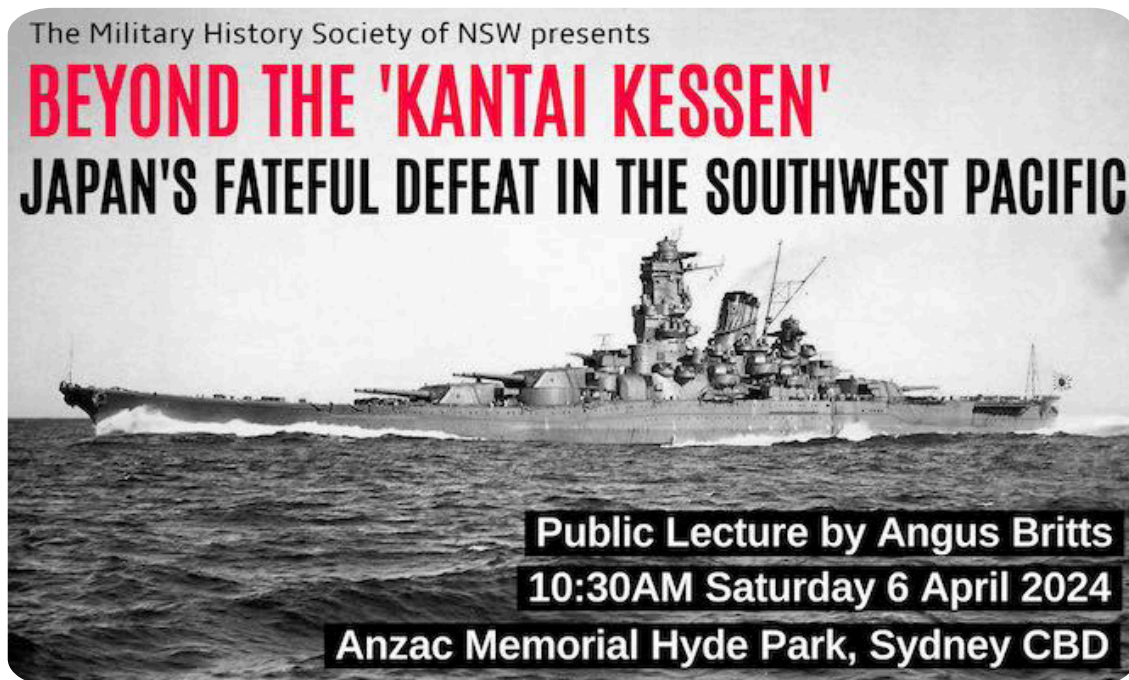
Cost: RAHS Members \$35 | Non-members \$39.

Railways are often overlooked for the significant role they played, and continue to play, in the development of NSW and Australia. Most of us have some association or connection to railways, even if it is just to get us to and from work. But did you know that since 1855, railways have shaped the economic, social, technological, industrial and political development of our society? This presentation will explore this story's significance to citizens and their families.

BUY TICKETS

Affiliated Societies News

Military History Society of NSW



Beyond the 'Kantai Kessen'

Japan's Fateful Defeat in the Southwest Pacific

In the 'Kantai Kessen' (decisive naval battle doctrine) the Japanese navy would win a war by fighting and winning a single, decisive naval action.

At the beginning of May 1942 Japan prepared to commence a fresh wave of offensive actions in the Southwest Pacific with the ultimate aims of strategically isolating Australia and America while seeking to finally neutralise the US Pacific Fleet through the destruction of its aircraft-carrier arm. Within a year the ambitions of the Japanese Naval Staff lay in ruins, and the ultimate fate of Japan itself was effectively sealed.

This presentation seeks to illustrate the core weakness of the Japanese military machine, namely its wholesale commitment to offensive warfare, which was exposed and deflated by the Allies in the course of the New Guinea and Solomons campaigns following the disastrous reversal of fortunes for the Imperial Japanese Navy at Midway in early June 1942. Over-ambitious strategic planning, fractious inter-service relations between the Japanese Army and Navy, the lack of proper logistics and supply infrastructure, and weaknesses in the build-up of air and naval forces are identified as the core reasons why any contemplated operations against Australia other than bombing and submarine

Germany made the fatal mistake of assuming that cheap victories alone were sufficient to ensure ultimate triumph over the western powers and the Soviet Union without recourse to the planning and preparation required for the emergence of a total war environment.

Speaker: Angus Britts.

When: Saturday, 6 April 2024 at 10.30 am.

Where: The Auditorium, Anzac Memorial Hyde Park.

Admission: Free, but a donation is appreciated.

City of Sydney Historical Association



A Brief History of the Development of the Sydney Tramway from 1861

There was a time when trams were a common sight throughout Sydney. Remember when you could travel anywhere on the tram network for just one shilling? How did the network operate? How did the trams intertwine with the trains? And what led to the demise of this much-loved form of public transport?

Join Ron Besdansk, engineer and train enthusiast, for a fascinating look back at a time when trams were an essential part of all the Sydney public transport network. Alas, today it is a very limited experience.

Where: Henry Carmichael Theatre, SMSA, 280 Pitt St.

Admission: Members \$5. Visitors \$10.

Parramatta and District Historical Society

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS



HAMBLEDON COTTAGE



MUSEUM

A History Milestone Is Being Celebrated!

Hambledon Cottage will be celebrating its Bicentenary on 13th April. This is a significant milestone for this remarkable Parramatta landmark, once owned by pioneer John Macarthur and Elizabeth Macarthur, founders of the fine wool industry in Australia.

Parramatta and District Historical Society, custodians of this extraordinary colonial heritage site, will present a week of community activities including a Bicentennial Day celebration, house tours including a new exhibition, heritage talks and walks, and children's colonial games, to coincide with the NSW school holidays!

The week opens with a day of heritage activities, food stalls, house tours, an exhibition and music to suit all tastes, drawing on local community talent including the highly praised Granville Boys' High School Pipe Band! Sit awhile and absorb the timelessness and elegance of this 19th Century Cottage (1824) and its parkland setting – sit and gaze upon the ancient oaks and cork tree

The official opening of the Hambledon Cottage Bicentenary is at 2 pm. Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of NSW, will be the Guest of Honour.

What: Event program opens 10 am on Saturday, 13th April, 2024 Formal Ceremony at 2 pm. Event program closes on Friday, 19th April 2024.

Where: Corner of Hassall Street and Gregory Place, Parramatta. Public

Transport: Buses 909 and 920 from Parramatta Railway Station.

For further information:

Email: parramattahist@tpg.com.au

Web: www.hambledoncottagemuseum.org.au

Bookings Essential for heritage walks and talks, childrens' activities. Limited parking on site. Parking at St Ioannis Greek Orthodox Church, Parramatta.



CITY OF PARRAMATTA

Armidale Family History Group



2024 Annual Seminar

MARTYN KILLION

45 Years of Family Research
Colonial Secretary's Correspondence

HEATHER GARNSEY

Mind the Gap
Avoiding Pitfalls in Family History

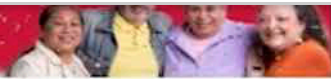
COST: \$45.00 or \$80.00 for a couple

Please bring your own lunch. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

RSVP: Contact The Secretary by 5 April 2024. **E:** afhgarm@gmail.com

Parramatta Female Factory Friends

NSW Seniors Festival
11-24 March 2024 • Reach beyond



Parramatta Female Factory Friends

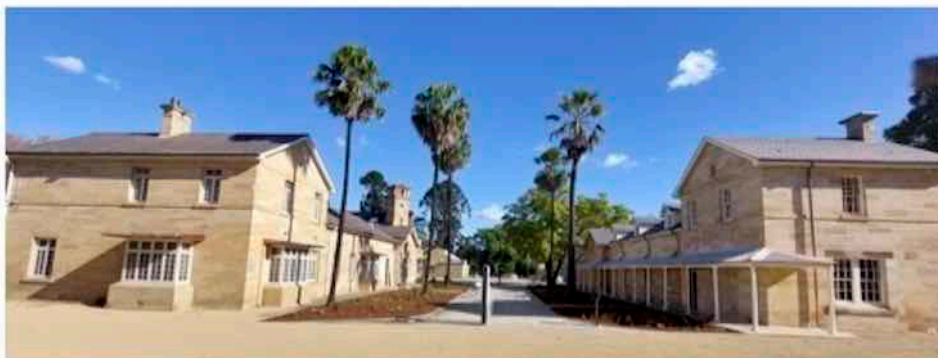
**Join us at the National Heritage
Parramatta Female Factory &
Institutions Precinct**



WHERE: 5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta
WHAT: REVEALING PARRAMATTA HERITAGE!
WHEN: Friday 22 March 2024 – 9 am– 2 pm



THIS IS A FREE EVENT



- The Parramatta Female Factory Friends Rooms are open 9 am -2 pm for ALL seniors:
- Come and browse our Research Library, which includes the Babette Smith Collection
 - We can help you with your research enquiries & help share the convict women's stories
 - You can meet our volunteers or sit awhile and listen to the stories of the convict women
 - View the 'Herstory' history displays - learn what really happened at the Female Factory!
 - We have merchandise for sale - books, badges, bookmarks, bonnets, and bric-a-brac
 - The Matron Ann Gordon Tearoom is open for traditional tea & scones, coffee & cake
 - You are welcome to walk around the Female Factory and follow the women's footsteps
 - Become a 'Friend' and as a member, meet new friends and like minds, and join our activities throughout the year or our team of volunteers!

website: www.parramattafemalefactoryfriends.com.au

facebook: www.facebook.com/pffriends



The Parramatta Female Factory Friends Inc
presents
**TWO COLONIAL WORKSHOPS -
STRAW PLAITING & BRAIDING**

Making a replica of a Sun Bonnet like the hats made and worn by Female Convicts led by the talented Lyn Watkins, crafter and descendant of Factory women. Straw plaiting was one of the numerous occupations of the convict women transported to the Colony. There were many women in the Female Factory with this skill. Household items and practical goods were made of straw – hats and baskets and all manner of uses. A plaited straw sun bonnet or hat was an essential item of clothing and was trimmed and adorned with a ribbon.

WORKSHOP 1 – Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 10 am to 1 pm (Part 1) Cost \$15 plus \$15 for the craft kit. Just bring your craft scissors and a tape measure

In the first workshop, participants will learn how to braid and form a crown of the hat.
Homework - Make enough braid (at least 9 metres) to complete the forming of a hat at Workshop 2 on 25 May 2024.

WORKSHOP 2 – Saturday, 25 May 2024 at 10 am to 1 pm (Part 2) Cost \$15

In the second workshop, the forming of the hat will be completed, and more braid will be made to trim and finish it.

Bookings are essential – places are limited.

Click on this link to book on Eventbrite:

bit.ly/4a0SjkD

**Where: Parramatta Female Factory Friends Rooms
5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta**

Please note: No parking onsite - limited on-street parking

web: www.parramattafemalefactoryfriends.com.au

email: parramattafemalefactoryfriends@gmail.com

facebook: www.facebook.com/pfffriends/

instagram: www.instagram.com/pfffriends/



The Friends of Linnwood invite
you to attend an OPEN DAY at

LINNWOOD

on
Sunday 24th March 2024
from 11.00am – 3.00pm
at
25 Byron Road, Guildford

\$5 Admission
(Children under 12yrs admitted free)



Linnwood – Listed on the
NSW State Heritage Register



Refreshments Available:
Courtesy of The Friends of Linnwood

The Friends of Linnwood now
have Eftpos and credit card
facilities. Cash still accepted.



Ford Car Clubs – New South Wales

Mustang Owners Club
Small Ford Car Club
72-78 Ford Car Club

British Ford Club
FPV-Tickford Club
Possibly other Ford clubs

Plus Old Car Social Club – other car clubs to be confirmed



Display by Granville Historical Society



*A place where history
and culture are shared
and celebrated.*



Session times 11.00am-1.00pm



Coffee cart on the front
lawn near the BBQ

COME AND SEE.....

Community Information Stalls from:

Brislington Nursing Museum
Guildford Probus
Justices of the Peace (JP) "Awareness Stand"
Friends of Old Government House
Past Times Tours
Parramatta Female Factory Friends

A variety of craft stalls & displays including:

Western Sydney Woodturners (northern verandah)
The Traditional Tools Group
Angel Gowns Australia
Australian Lace Guild
Friends of Linnwood bric-a-brac
Guildford Probus Plant Stall (in the grounds)
Lorraine's Handbags
Mary's Gifts & Home Decor
Sue's Transport Books (in the grounds)



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History News

BUILDING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

HISTORIC and HERITAGE COURT HOUSES in NEW SOUTH WALES



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Travelling to every corner of the State, Lachlan Turner has photographed the architectural features of over 400 operating and former Courthouse Buildings.

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2024 Anzac Memorial Trustees Military History Prize

Applications are now open for the 2024 Anzac Memorial Trustees Military History Prize.

Valued at \$10,000, the Military History Prize is being awarded for a work of non-fiction published as a book or e-book, publicly released or made available as a broadcast film, television or radio program, DVD, podcast, website or application for mobile/handheld devices. The core theme must be centred on the involvement of Australians in wars, campaigns, battles and/or peacekeeping operations represented in the Anzac Memorial's Hall of Service.

In the Anzac spirit, the Prize is open to citizens and permanent residents of Australia and New Zealand.

Applications close **3 April 2024**.

For further details and to apply: <https://bit.ly/MHP-24>



2024 Oral History Australia Biennial Conference

One of the world's leading authorities on oral history, Alessandro Portelli, will be the keynote speaker at the next [Oral History Australia Biennial Conference](#) to be held in Melbourne from 21 to 24 November 2024.

Oral History Australia invites you to submit proposals for presentations on the conference theme *The Power of Oral History—Risks, Rewards & Possibilities*.

The conference welcomes participants who use oral history in their work across the many fields and disciplines that contribute to community, professional and academic histories.

You can submit proposals for individual presentations, workshops, performances and thematic panels that speak to the conference theme.

All proposals must be submitted by **1 April 2024**. For conference information, email the Oral History Victoria hosts at: ohavictoria2024@gmail.com.



DHULUNY

"Truth and that which is direct"

Charles Sturt University is hosting the *Dhuluny 1824–2024: 200 Years of Wiradyuri Resistance* Conference from 14–17 August.

On 14 August 1824 New South Wales Colonial Governor Sir Thomas Brisbane declared martial law in the region. This declaration was the first use in New South Wales of martial law against Aboriginal people.

The bicentenary is an opportunity to focus on the legacies of these events and their consequences for Wiradyuri people, settlers and colonists of the Bathurst region.

Dhuluny is reaching out to artists, dancers, storytellers, military lawyers and legal historians, interdisciplinary academics, research students, and more to provide an opportunity for truth telling and healing through their call for presenters.

[Register your interest](#) by **30 April 2024**.

Other News



Community Heritage Grants 2024

What are the Community Heritage Grants?

The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) program supports community-based organisations to identify and care for Australian cultural heritage collections which are publicly accessible, locally held and nationally significant. The CHG program commenced in 1994, and we are delighted to be marking our 30th

How we can help

The CHG supports small, local groups with limited funding and staffing resources, who would benefit from access to professional cultural heritage expertise. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available to help organisations undertake a three-stage journey to assess their collection, identify collection care recommendations and implement practical improvements.

Non-profit, incorporated organisations – including **historical societies, archives, regional museums, public libraries, community groups, multicultural and Indigenous organisations** – are encouraged to apply. For more details visit the **CHG website**: nla.gov.au/chg.

Activities we support

In the first two stages, organisations work with experienced heritage practitioners to produce reports that:

- Explain the meanings and value of their collections (a significance assessment).
- Outline the condition of their collections and provide a conservation and collection management plan (a preservation needs assessment).

In the third stage, funding is available to:

- Undertake **conservation and collection management activities**, as recommended in the preservation needs assessment report. This may include conservation treatment, purchase of collection rehousing and storage materials, environmental control and monitoring equipment or digitisation.

CHG also offers grants for **collection management training projects or cataloguing or collection management software**.

Applications and guidelines

Applicants should carefully read the 2024 CHG Round Guidelines before applying. The Guidelines and application forms are available at: nla.gov.au/chg

Please contact the CHG Program Team to discuss preparing your application: chg@nla.gov.au



Have your say

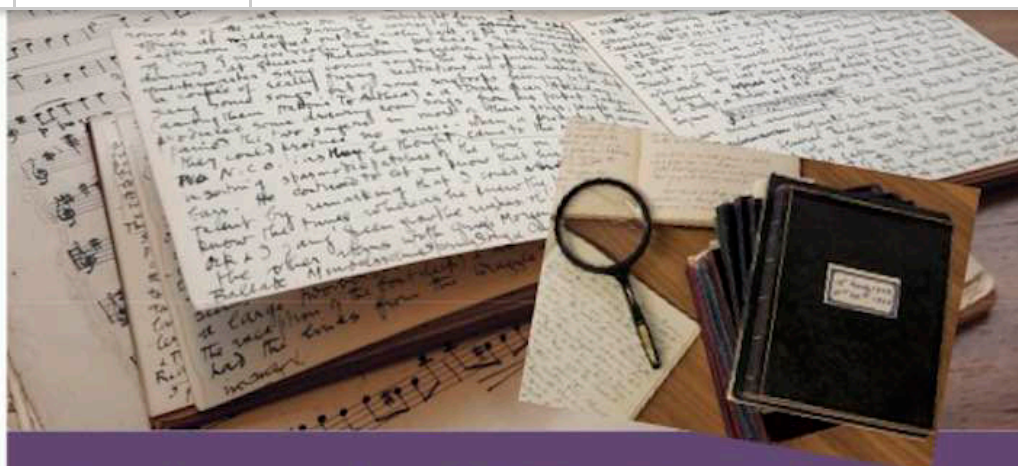
Have your say: A Heritage Strategy for NSW

Heritage NSW is seeking your feedback to inform and shape the direction of the NSW Heritage Strategy, ensuring it responds to community aspirations in delivering a better future for our heritage.

Your input will help to build our understanding of what is important to the community, key challenges facing heritage and opportunities to address them.

Please share your insights and ideas by [completing the survey](#).

The survey will close on **31 March 2024**.

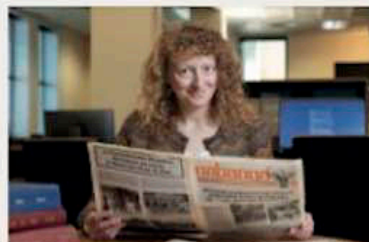


Apply now for 2025 Fellowships at the National Library of Australia



National Library of Australia Fellowships

- For experienced researchers, from Australia or overseas
- 8 x \$23,000 Fellowships
- 12-week residency at the National Library in Canberra



Creative Arts Fellowships

- For Australian creative artists and writers
- 2 x \$10,000 Fellowships
- 4-week residency at the National Library in Canberra

For more information visit www.nla.gov.au

**Applications close
6 May 2024.**



GLAMSLAM 2024

*A day for those working in & with galleries,
libraries, archives & museums*



Friday 15 March 2024, 9am - 5pm
Australian National Maritime Museum

Hosted by the Australian Centre for Public History, UTS
in partnership with the Australian National Maritime Museum

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