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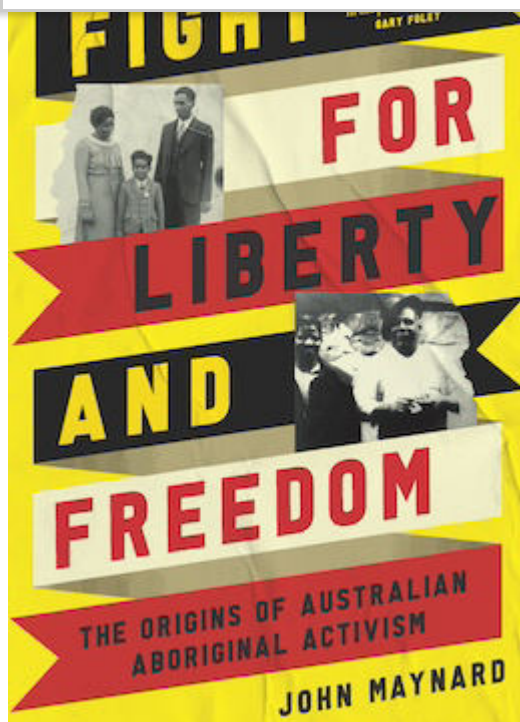
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The Majestic, Katoomba (RAHS Photograph Collection)



2024 NAIDOC Week Seminar: Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud

Friday, 12 July 2024, 10 am to 2.30 pm

Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub

Join the RAHS and the Professional Historians Association (NSW&ACT) during NAIDOC Week for a history seminar that celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' resilience and activism in the past and present. The [2024 NAIDOC Week theme](#) is 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud', which honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture.

We are thrilled to host **Emeritus Professor John Maynard**, whose talk will mark the centenary of organised Aboriginal political activism in this country. The Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association (AAPA) is recognised as the first united all-Aboriginal political organisation. Formed in 1924 under the leadership of John's grandfather, Fred Maynard, the AAPA's platform put forward during the 1920s remains at the forefront of Aboriginal demands in the 21st century – land rights, genuine self-determination, defending a distinct Aboriginal cultural identity, protecting Aboriginal family life, and demanding that Aboriginal people be placed in charge of Aboriginal affairs.

Professor Maynard will be joined by Professional Historian and RAHS Councillor **Dr Mark Dunn** and the Museums of History NSW's **Jasmyn Irwin** (Senior Advisor, First Nations Community Access to Archives project) and **Emily Hanna** (Lead Archivist, Collection Discovery). Mark will explore ways to uncover Aboriginal/First Nations history through local history, sharing insights from his research and what challenges to expect. Jasmyn and Emily will discuss the Museum of History NSW's Indigenous Languages project, which seeks to improve First Nations people's access to archival material about culture, kinship, stories, and languages within the State Archives Collection.

For bookings and more information, visit the seminar website:

<https://www.rahs.org.au/shop/tickets-2024-naidoc-seminar/>



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.



Residents of the Althorpe Islands (State Library of South Australia, PRG 280/1/5/270).

Latest News from Trove

Trove is continuing to grow through its ongoing collaboration with hundreds of Partners across Australia, connecting everyone to its vast resources of digital images and collection information, and we are delighted to let you know that Trove has recently rolled out a system update. This includes an improved search for public tags and finding aids and more consistent highlighting of search terms in viewers (as happens when you view a newspaper). Issues with downloads, including bulk downloads, 'have been fixed'. These enhancements are great news for Trove users. They will help to make its vast, freely available and ever-expanding collection of Australian resources even more accessible to the public. We would like to highlight just one of these enhancements.

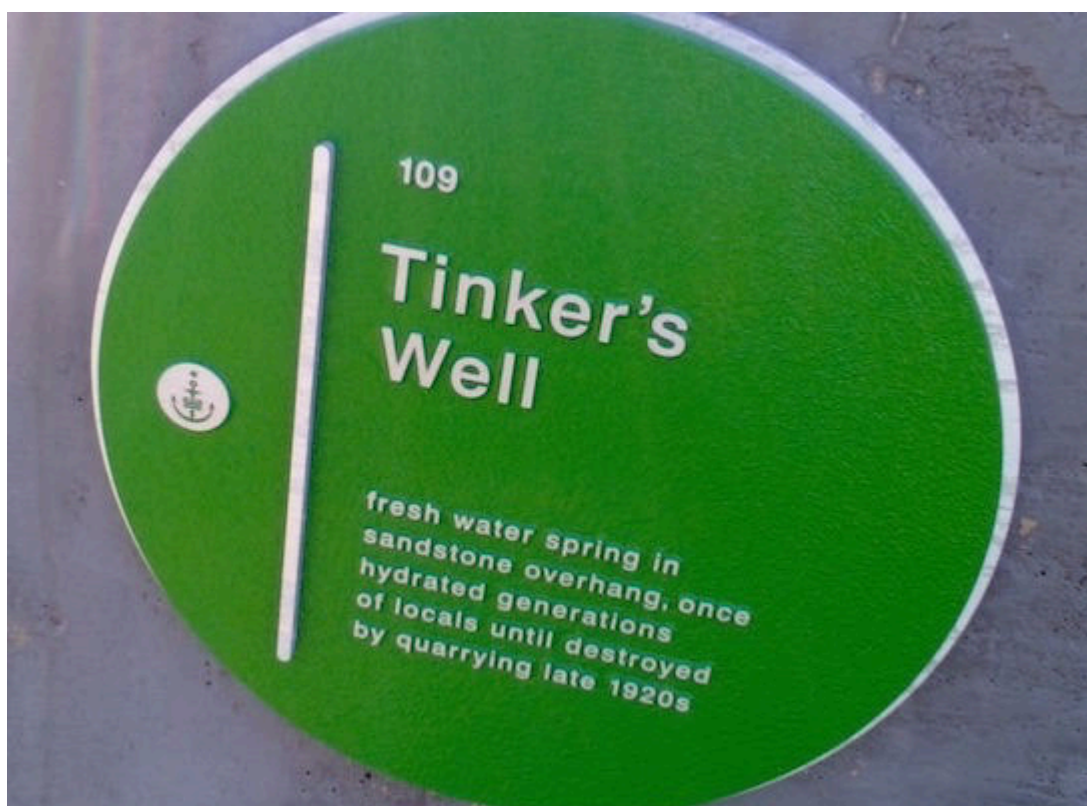
Most will be aware that Trove's ongoing collaboration with its community of users continues to enhance its accessibility. For example, Trove's users and Voluntroves (Trove Volunteers) work tirelessly to correct the text generated by Optical Character text (OCR). Trove users and others also add 'tags' to items in Trove and these are another valuable contribution. Tags are keywords that can make them easier to find. As the team at Trove notes, 'A tag can describe things

progress'. While users have to be logged in to Trove to add a tag, anyone can search for a tag if the creator has made it public. Tags can also be added to items in the Lists category. Unlike the other Trove categories, Lists are created by Trove users themselves.

You can search for public tags from the [Trove homepage](#) by entering the term 'publictag' followed by your keyword/s. For example, to search for the tag 'lighthouse', search using publictag:lighthouse. If you are looking for a public tag about one of your ancestors try 'publictag' and the person's name – publictag:sarah hynes. Read the full list of recent Trove system updates [here](#).

Christine Yeats

RAHS Senior Vice President



New Green Plaques

Recently I spent an afternoon with Eva Rodriguez Riestra, the City of Sydney's Public Art Program Manager, walking several streets of Pyrmont. We were

Between 1984 and 1988, the RAHS, in partnership with the City of Sydney and the State Bank of NSW, launched a Green Plaques program. One hundred and one circular green plaques were installed around the city's CBD, primarily acknowledging significant buildings and marking historic sites covering 200 years of Sydney's history.

Since 2012, the City of Sydney has collaborated with the RAHS to revive the Green Plaque program for community-nominated history plaques with discussions for replacing missing original plaques and commissioning new ones covering Sydney CBD, Millers Point, Glebe and Pyrmont. Beginning as 102 onwards, 14 new green plaques are currently in situ. These have become part of their City Art program.

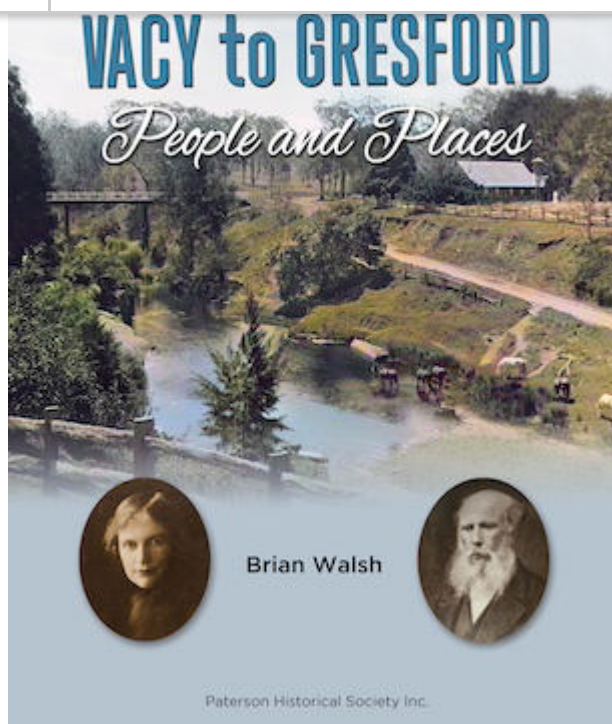
The plaque sites visited included Pyrmont Public School, St Bede's Catholic Church, Pyrmont windmill, The Squat terraces, Ways Terraces, and Tinker's Well.

Donna Newton
RAHS Librarian

About the image:

Tinker's Well was located in a large sandstone overhang. The water collected into a natural dish in the shelter's sandstone floor. Evidence suggests that it was almost certainly used as an Aboriginal midden. This shelter containing the well was destroyed in the early 20th century, but water continues to flow down sandstone outcrops in the vicinity of the original spring. [More info.](#)

Grants News



2024 Cultural Grants Program

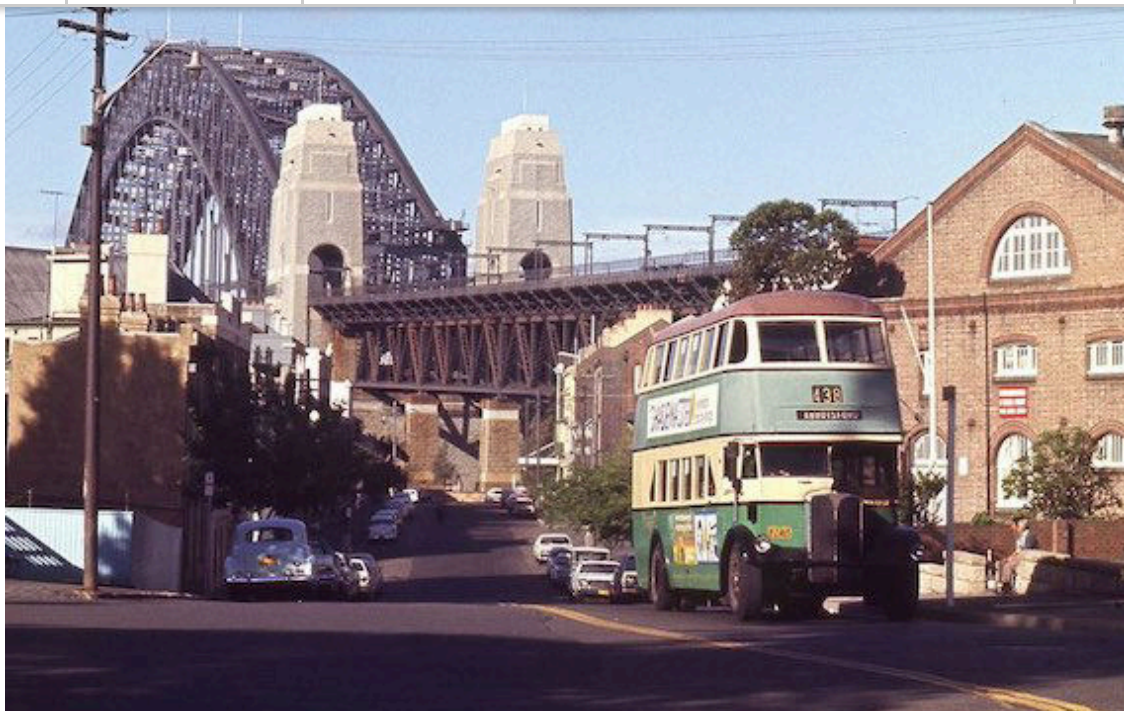
The 2024 Cultural Grants Program is now open!

The Program is a Create NSW devolved funding program administered by the Royal Australian Historical Society on behalf of the NSW Government. This grants program assists historical research and publication of local, community and regional history projects.

Applications close soon: 2 July 2024 at midnight.

[Visit our website for more information](#)





2024 Transport Heritage Grants Program

The 2024 Transport Heritage Grants Program is now open!

The Program is a NSW Government funded program, administered by the Royal Australian Historical Society, and supported by Transport Heritage NSW.

Applications close: 31 July 2024 at 5 pm.

[Visit our website for more information](#)

WEBINAR & INFO SESSION

Join THNSW and RAHS employees to learn more about the 2024 Transport Heritage Grants Program, and how to write a winning application. Ask your questions to get clearer on how to apply.

Details:

Tuesday, 25 June 2024

12.30 to 1.30 pm

Registrations via: <https://forms.office.com/r/M8LbrVF4Cb>

Have a question about the webinar? Email: sector@thnsw.com.au

King's Birthday Honours

The RAHS congratulates the following recipients of King's Birthday Honours, who have been recognised for services to history:

Appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Professor Emerita Heather GOODALL

For significant service to tertiary education, particularly social science, and to the Indigenous community.

Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

Miss Heather Elizabeth GARNSEY

For service to genealogy.

The late Mr Graydon Read HENNING

For service to maritime history, and to tertiary education.

Ms Shauna HICKS

For service to community history.

Mrs Margaret Anne O'LEARY

For service to military history.

Dr Rosalie Joy TRIOLO

For service to community and school history, and to tertiary education.

RAHS News



Nominations for 2024 Certificates of Achievement

Nomination Deadline 20 September 2024

The Certificates of Achievement recognise members of affiliated societies whose contributions are significant and noteworthy. In 2023, we awarded eleven Certificates, which recognised contributions in publications, research, event organisation, archival and museum collections management, finances, volunteering, and coordinating online initiatives. This year the Certificates will be presented at the 2024 RAHS Conference in Campbelltown.

All nominations must be in writing and show one or more of the following:

- Comprehensive evidence of achievement.
- Quality of service.
- Significant support (financial or benefit-in-kind).

Candidates for the award must be nominated by a member of an affiliated society and be approved by either a general meeting, an executive meeting or a specially convened subcommittee. The presiding President and Secretary (or other appropriate office bearer) must also sign the nomination.

Nominations should be emailed to admin@rahs.org.au.

Call out for Event Volunteers

volunteers to assist with our in-person events.

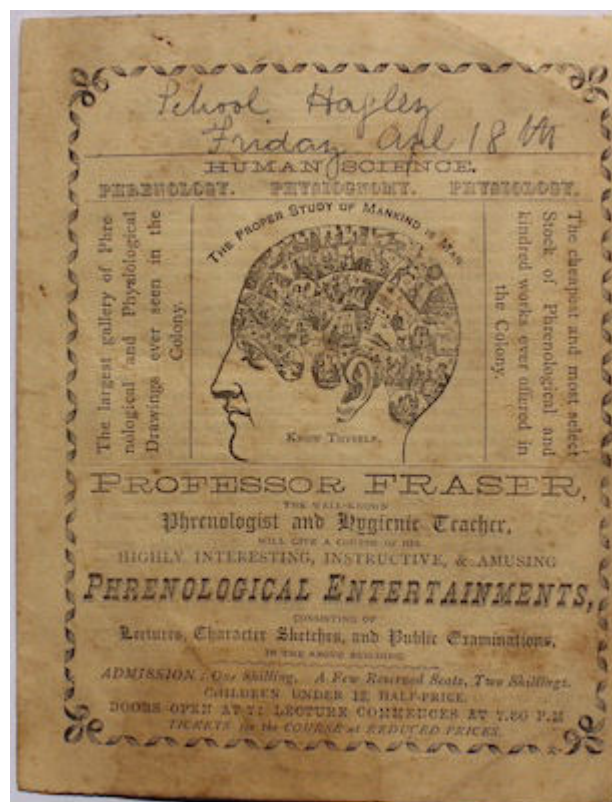
Volunteer responsibilities will include:

- Helping with setting up and packing down.
- Managing and setting up tea and coffee.
- Welcoming and marking off attendees.

Availability: We are looking for volunteers who can commit to Wednesday afternoons, from 12 pm to 3 pm.

Please contact history@rahs.org.au to express your interest.

RAHS Events



Handbill for a lecture in Tasmania by Prof. Joseph Fraser, 1884

RAHS Day Lecture

The Power to Read Others: Popular Phrenology in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

Speaker: Alexandra Roginski.

When: Wednesday, 3 July 2024 at 1 pm.

Where: Online via Zoom.

Cost: Free.

and intellect through external 'reading' of the head. In the transforming settler-colonial landscapes of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, and well into the twentieth century, popular phrenologists performed their science of touch and cranial jargon everywhere, from mechanics' institutions to public houses. Alexandra Roginski invites us into a history of this everyday practice and to reflect on the enduring appeal of a shortcut to knowing who we can trust.

RESERVE TICKETS



Laurentz Campbell (Verge) house / Broughton House, 1922

RAHS Special Lecture
Broughton House, Parramatta: A Colonial Misnomer

Speaker: Michael Organ.

When: Wednesday, 10 July 2024 at 1 pm.

Where: History House, 133 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000.

Cost: Free.

Broughton House, Parramatta – so named in 1910 by Percy Waddy of the King's School – was built in 1838–9 for Colonial Treasurer Laurentz Campbell and his family. The likely architect was John Verge. This talk presents a history of the house, correcting a number of misconceptions about ownership, along with a review of artworks featuring it, and a case for reassessment of the heritage status and restoration.

RESERVE TICKETS



A screenshot from Antonioni's *L'Avventura* – a film central to Sylvia Lawson's practice as a film critic

RAHS Day Lecture

Sylvia Lawson's Journey from Film Critic to Historian

Speaker: Sam Twyford-Moore.

When: Wednesday, 7 August 2024 at 1 pm.

Where: History House, 133 Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000.

Cost: Free.

In 1983, Australian film critic Sylvia Lawson published her first book, *The Archibald Paradox*. The work originated after Sylvia, 'rummaging around' the *Bulletin* magazine's old headquarters ahead of the sale of the storied magazine to media mogul Frank Packer, found a set of exercise notebooks that housed the makings of J.F. Archibald's handwritten memoirs. In this talk, we will look at how Australia's finest mid-century film critic became one of its boldest biographers and historians.

[RESERVE TICKETS](#)

Affiliated Societies News

City of Liverpool and District Historical Society



Grand Opening! Liverpool's new centre

The City of Liverpool and District Historical Society is having a Grand Opening for their new centre on Saturday, 22 June!

Located at the Hilda M. Davis Centre, 185 Bigge St, Liverpool, come and see the new museum, workroom, storeroom and facilities.

Visitors are welcome from noon!

Federation of Australian Historical Societies



Fellowships and Merit Awards

The FAHS is pleased to announce that we have opened nominations for the 2024 Fellowship and Merit Awards to recognise the work of people in the history and heritage movement.

Fellowships are a high-level recognition of people who have made a very significant contribution to Australian history and heritage, local history and heritage and the historical society movement in more than one state or territory. They need to be endorsed and submitted by a state or territory umbrella society

Merit Awards are intended to recognise an exceptional contribution to history and heritage by local society members at a more local and regional level, although as we are a national body we seek to find those whose contribution has involved more than one state or territory. Nominations may be submitted by state/territory societies OR any affiliated local society.

Full details and nomination forms, visit <https://www.history.org.au/awards/>

Parramatta Female Factory Friends



Punishments in the Parramatta Female Factory and Beyond

Kevin Dodds will speak about punishments at the Parramatta Female Factory. Was it fair? Was it just? Was it barbaric? Was it humiliating? Who decided who was punished? How did the punishments affect the female convicts? How did the newspapers react to the punishments? What actually happened behind the locked gates at the Parramatta Female Factory?

When: Friday, 21 June 2024 from 1 pm.

Where: 5 Fleet St, North Parramatta.

Bookings: [Eventbrite](#): \$5 (plus booking surcharge). Places are limited, so please book early. No parking onsite and limited street parking. The talk will be followed by afternoon tea and the General Meeting at 2.15 pm.

Military History Society of NSW



Armidale WWI Memorial (Australian War Memorial)

An Australian Country Town at War: Armidale 1914–1918

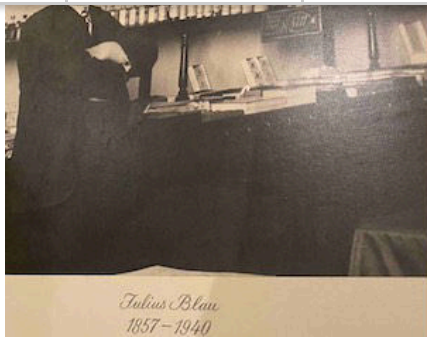
Australian society of the early 20th century had many potential fault lines. Upon the outbreak of war in August 1914, most of these disappeared from sight, as much of the nation threw its support behind the war effort. This was to be the case in Armidale in northern NSW. Yet, by 1918, this rural township would be deeply and bitterly divided. The divisions latent in most societies had emerged, often in unpleasant ways, based on religion, race, class and status. However, even though the majority voted 'No' in the two referenda that sought to conscript young men for overseas military service, paradoxically, there was a determination to see the defeat of Germany and its Allies. Dr David Martin will talk about Armidale's experiences of the First World War.

When: Saturday, 6 July 2024 at 10.30 am.

Where: The Auditorium, Anzac Memorial Hyde Park.

Admission: Free, but a donation is appreciated.

Mosman Historical Society



The Blau Family

Paul Storm will speak about the fascinating Blau family, who emigrated to Australia from Austria-Hungary and operated a successful pharmaceutical supply business in the Sydney CBD, Arncliffe and finally East Chatswood. Julius Blau is credited with introducing 4711 Eau de Cologne products to Australia. During the First World War, he and his son Oscar were interned because they were aliens and had 'suspect' business connections.

When: Wednesday, 10 July 2024 from 7 pm.

Where: Mosman Library.

Admission: Members Free. Visitors \$5 donation.

RSVP: Contact davidcarment@me.com before Monday, 8 July 2024.

City of Sydney Historical Association



That Bligh Girl

Sue Williams returns to the untold stories of the women of colonial Sydney with another fascinating, meticulously researched historical novel.

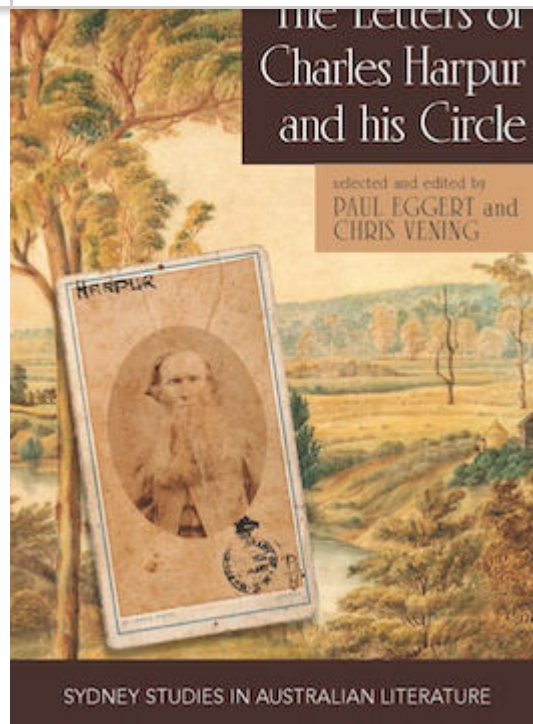
Mary Bligh is no shrinking violet. After a horrific six-month sea voyage from Britain, she proves as strong-willed as her bloody-minded father, the newly appointed Governor William Bligh. The pair scandalises Sydney with their personalities, politics, and her pantaloons. When armed soldiers march on Government House to depose him, the governor is nowhere to be seen. Instead, Mary stands defiantly at the gates, fighting them back with just her parasol. Despite being bullied, belittled and betrayed, Mary remains steadfast, even when her desperate father double-crosses her yet again in his last-ditch attempt to cling to power. But will Mary turn out to be her father's daughter and deceive him in pursuit of her dreams and ambitions?

When: Saturday, 13 July 2024 at 2 pm.

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

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

Moruya and District Historical Society



The Letters of Charles Harpur and His Circle

Moruya and District Historical Society are hosting a presentation by the authors of a new Sydney University Press publication on the letters of poet Charles Harpur (1813–1868), who had a close association with the Eurobodalla region.

The Letters of Charles Harpur and His Circle, selected and edited by Paul Eggert and Chris Vening, is the first collection in print of the letters of Australian colonial poet Charles Harpur and his circle – including the poet Henry Kendall and future premier of NSW, Henry Parkes.

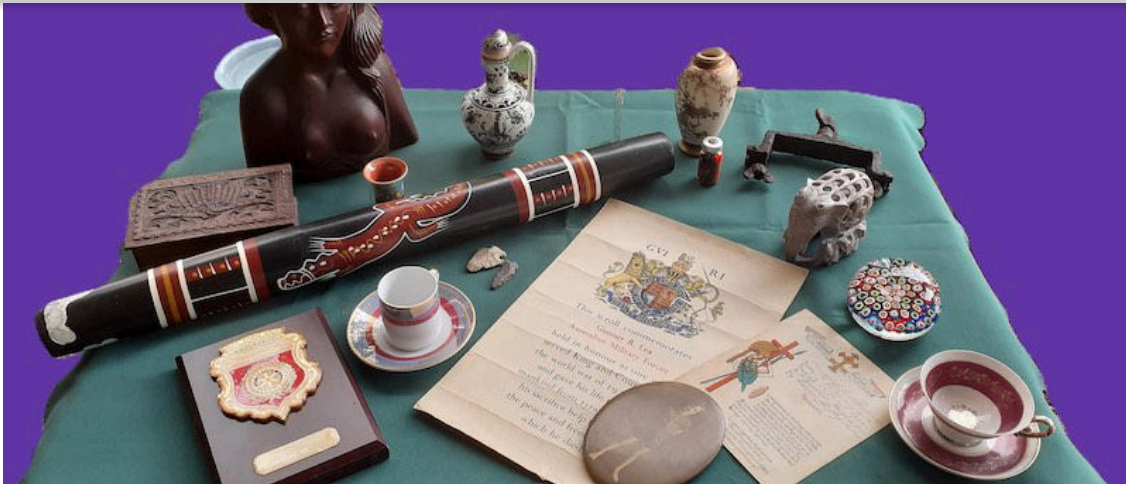
When: Saturday, 20 July at 2 pm.

Where: Moruya Golf Course.

Admission: Free, but a donation is appreciated.

RSVP: moruyamuseum@gmail.com.

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The Home Curator Workshop No. 1

Presented by Gay Hendriksen (Rowan Tree Heritage and Cultural Services)

Do you have special objects you want to preserve into the future? Whether you are a family historian, private collector or just have special objects you want to know how to care for there is something in this workshop for you. Learn about organising, preserving and sharing to a professional standard so that you can ensure your shoebox of papers or photos or a house or shed filled with your favourite objects, will survive. Bring along small objects, photos and documents (or images if they are too large or too fragile) for professional advice and clues to help you discover the best ways to identify and care for them.

When: Wednesday, 31 July at 9 am to 12.30 pm.

Where: CMS Conference Centre, 8 Violet St, Katoomba NSW.

Admission: \$25. [Book online.](#)

Dural and District Historical Society



The 2024 June Roughley Memorial Lecture

Professor Grace Karskens' highly acclaimed book, *People of the River: Lost Worlds of Early Australia*, is a history of both the Aboriginal people and the settlers on Dyarubbin, the Hawkesbury/Nepean River, from deep time to the nineteenth century. Grace will also speak about her collaborative work with the Dharug and Darkinjung people of the Real Secret River: a Dyarubbin project.

When: Saturday, 10 August at 2 pm.

Where: The Arcadia Community Centre, 136 Arcadia Road, Arcadia NSW.

Entrance: Free with a gold coin for afternoon tea. Homemade marmalade and jams on sale. A pleasant afternoon in a rural setting. All welcome!

Enquiries: Michael Bell, 02 9653 1365 or 0466 341 729.

Inverell District Family History Group

Celebrates 40 Years!

JOIN US

**FOR
MORNING
TEA**

**Help us celebrate
this important
milestone**

25
JUNE
2024

10.30am
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RSVP 21st June 2024
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The Inverell District Family History Group held its inaugural meeting on 20th May 1984. Since that meeting it has continued to foster the study of local & family history, carried out countless research projects and amassed a large collection of resources which are available to the public.



Coming Ready or Not!

Sadly, 21 men from HMAS Kuttabul and 4 Japanese sailors were killed on that fateful night but the death toll could have been much higher. Find out the details of how the attack was carried out by courageous Japanese Naval personnel and the harbour defences which were inadequate to say the least.

The City of Canada Bay Heritage Society

invites you to join us to hear a talk by

Gillian Lewis

on

Coming Ready or Not!

Submarine attack in Sydney Harbour

at the

City of Canada Bay Museum

1 Bent St, Concord

on

Saturday 6th July 2024

at

1.30pm for a 2.00pm sharp start

The talk will be followed by light refreshments and a chance to chat with the speaker and our wonderful volunteers

Admission: Free

(donations always welcome)

Come early and look around our new displays.

The museum opens at 10am.

For more information:

www.canadabayheritage.asn.au or email: heritage@canadabayheritage.asn.au

Telephone: 9743 3034(Museum hours) or 9744 8528(Secretary)

History News



Blue plaque commemorating Dr Charles Perkins located at the Charles Perkins Centre, John Hopkins

Drive, Camperdown (Image credit Matthew Dunbar)

New Blue Plaques Program Nomination Round

Nominations for the Blue Plaques program are now open!

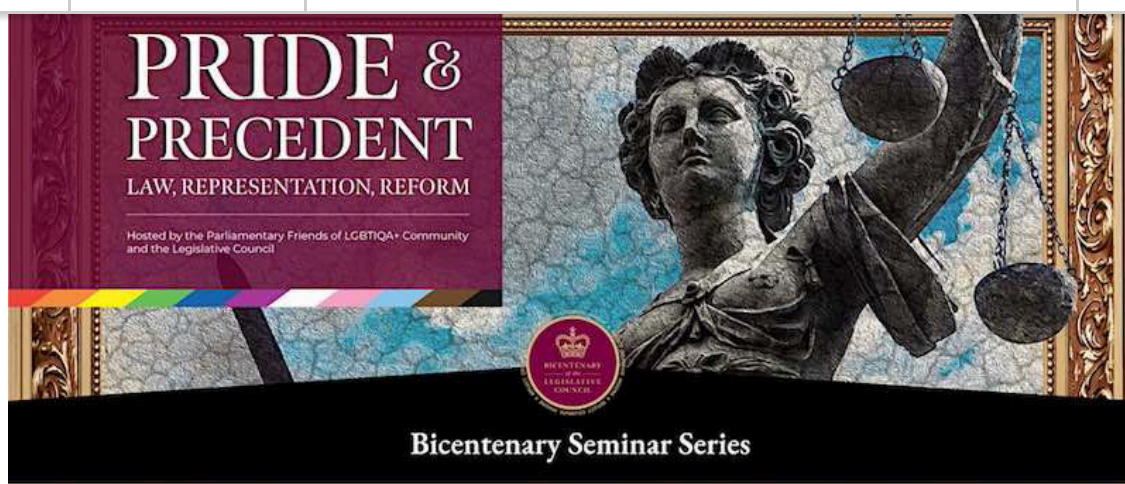
Aimed at raising awareness and appreciation of NSW's rich history, the Blue Plaques program brings to life the amazing stories of people and events that have shaped our state.

If you know a person, group, or event from the past that deserves to be recognised, nominate them today.

For the first time, you can also vote for the People's Choice blue plaque from a shortlist of nominations that just missed out in previous rounds.

Help shine a light on our history, visit the [Have Your Say website](#) to nominate and vote now.

Nominations close Sunday 30 June 2024.



Pride & Precedent: Law, Representation, Reform

Discover the powerful stories behind 40 years of groundbreaking LGBTIQ+ reform across the Legislative Council and the Supreme Court of NSW in this not-to-be-missed seminar! Hear from a panel of high-profile figures as they share stories and insights from their lived experiences of reform and diverse representation.

Pride & Precedent is co-hosted by the Parliamentary Friends of LGBTIQ+ Community. It's part of a host of exciting events marking this year's Bicentenary of the NSW Legislative Council — Australia's very first legislature.

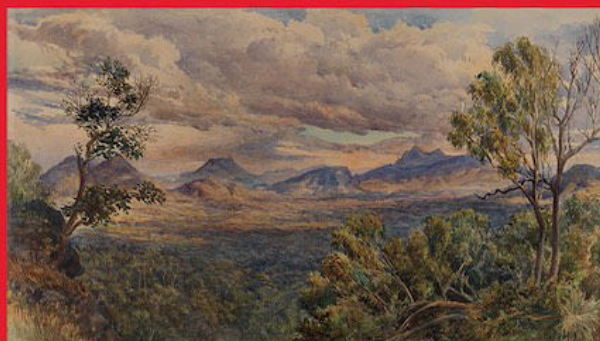
When: Friday 19 July, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (seminar starts at 7 pm).

Where: NSW Parliament House.

Tickets: \$25 (includes a drink, canapé and gift). [Book Now!](#)



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Meanjin and Moreton Bay 1824-2024: A Bicentennial Symposium

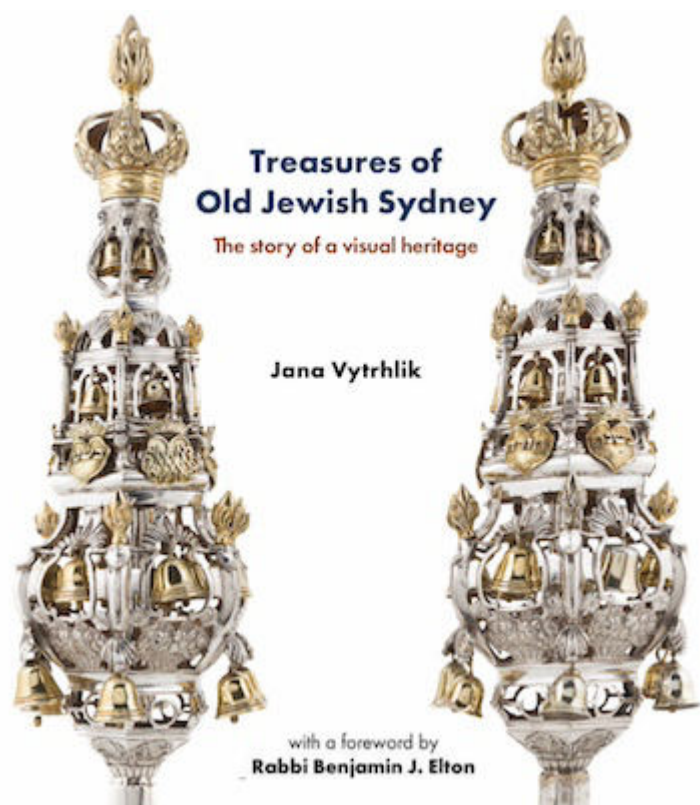
Griffith University and the Harry Gentle Resource Centre are proud to be hosting a two-day symposium to mark 200 years since the establishment of the Moreton Bay penal station in Meanjin/Brisbane in 1824.

Where: The Ship Inn Function Room, Cnr Stanley and Sidon Streets, South Brisbane, Queensland.

The Opening Address will be delivered by historian Raymond Evans and the Closing Address by Goorie author Melissa Lucashenko.

Confirmed speakers include Clare Anderson, Jane Lydon, Brett Leavy, Hamish Maxwell-Stewart, Deborah Oxley, David Roberts and Ben Wilson.

Find out more about the full program on the [event website](#).



Treasurers of Old Jewish Sydney

Jana Vytrhlik's new book, *Treasures of Old Jewish Sydney*, introduces an important Jewish visual legacy that is represented not only in Sydney Jewish history collections, but in major state and national holdings, including the Art Gallery of NSW, National Museum of Australia, Powerhouse Museum, State Library of NSW, National Library of Australia, University of Sydney, and the National Gallery of Australia. Based on Jana's research in the formation of a distinct visual identity of Jews of Sydney, their story can now be told through the surviving visual legacy. Available from the [Sydney Jewish Museum](#).

Other News



History Council of NSW: 2024 Annual History Awards

The HCNSW offer a number of prestigious annual awards and prizes across different fields of historical practice, totalling \$5,500 in prize money.

Students, early career researchers, continuing historians, and those who produce digital histories are encouraged to apply. Winners will be announced and prize presentations made during History Week 2024.

Further details, such as the criteria for each award and prize, [can be found here](#). Applications close on **9 July 2024, at 5 pm**.



State Library of NSW Fellowships

The State Library offers several prestigious fellowships to support the research, writing, and teaching of Australian history and culture. The fellowships provide money, a room, and behind-the-scenes access to Library staff. Topics have ranged from early colonisation to investigating contemporary life.

- Imago Creative Writing Fellowship (\$50,000)
- Australian Religious History Fellowship (\$20,000)
- Dr AM Hertzberg AO Fellowship (\$25,000)
- CH Currey Fellowship (\$20,000)
- Nancy Keesing AM Fellowship (\$25,000)
- David Scott Mitchell Memorial Fellowship (\$12,000)
- Merewether Fellowship (\$12,000)
- Ross Steele Fellowship AM (\$12,000)
- Summer Scholar, 10 positions (\$1000)
- Visiting Scholar (unfunded)

Applications close **5 pm, Friday 12 July**. For more information and to apply, visit: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/fellowships

Contact:

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scholarship@sl.nsw.gov.au



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