

## HCV E-news - 28 May 2020

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Dear colleague --

In this E-news we are pleased to share the following items:

### ***HCV news***

- Introducing our new staff member, Alicia Cerreto
- Some changes on our Board

### ***News from elsewhere***

- Indigenous Cultural Heritage Conference 2020
- National History Challenge
- Update on advice for collections in buildings closed by COVID-19
- Free access to digitised records (National Archives of the UK)
- Are you a history author? Or a history publisher?

### ***Reminders***

- Enter the Victorian Community History Awards

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## ***HCV news***

### **Introducing our new staff member, Alicia Cerreto**

In May 2020, the HCV Board appointed Alicia Cerreto as its new Deputy Executive Officer, following the news of Margaret Birtley's retirement. Alicia and Margaret will work together for a time, and later in the year when the

extended handover is complete, Alicia will step into the role of Executive Officer.

Alicia will be known to many of you as the current President of the Professional Historians Association (Victoria and Tasmania). In her professional life she is a consulting historian and is passionate about sharing stories of the past with new audiences.

Alicia's initial focus with the HCV will be on the History Roadshow and a new Communications Strategy for HCV, reflecting her expertise in this area.

Click [HERE](#) to read an extended welcome to Alicia from our Chair, Professor Peter McPhee.

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## Some changes on our Board

During 2019, we farewelled Martin Green as the representative of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and Kitty Owens as the representative of the Australian Museums and Galleries Association (Victoria). Both Martin and Kitty provided great support to the HCV and we thank them for their service. In their place we now welcome Dr Annette Shiell (NTAV) and Sarah Morris (AMaGA Victoria).

The HCV Board gratefully acknowledges with gratitude the contribution of two members from the university sector whose three-year terms came to an end this month:

Dr Kathleen Neal represented Monash University and provided thoughtful advice as a member of the History Roadshow committee and the Universities Working Group. She represented HCV on the partnership committee for the *Making Public Histories* series and organised several of the seminars. She also convened the Board's Public Events committee.

Adjunct Associate Professor Rob Hess brought fresh perspectives to the Board as the HCV's first representative from Victoria University. He organised and contributed to a *Making Public Histories* seminar on 'Dark Sides of Sport' (July 2019) that introduced a new audience to the HCV and the seminar series, provided careful leadership for the Universities Working Group (2018-2020) and wrote an influential discussion paper on university representation and engagement with HCV.

We are currently recruiting new representatives from the university sector and will announce these via the website and the next E-news.

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## News from elsewhere

### Indigenous Cultural Heritage Conference 2020

The theme of this conference is 'Taking control of our heritage'. It will be held in Melbourne from Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 November 2020.

Learn more: <https://kecreative.eventsair.com/ichc2020/registration>

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### National History Challenge

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for school students. It gives students a chance to be an historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots. It emphasises and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation.

The theme for 2020 is 'Contested Histories'.

Entries close on 28 August 2020.

Learn more: <http://historychallenge.org.au>

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### COVID-19 pandemic: advice for museums, galleries and heritage collections

AMaGA Victoria has just released an excellent guide, *Reopening Museums & Galleries during COVID-19*. Click [HERE](#) to access the PDF.

As mentioned in the last E-news, heritage collections face new risks when people aren't in the building on a regular basis. The updated Version 1.2 of *Closed by COVID-19*, a Practice Guide for managers of heritage collections that are closed at short notice because of an epidemic or pandemic, was published on 29 April 2020 and is accessible on two Australian websites: [Australian Institute for Conservation of Cultural Material](#) and [Blue Shield Australia](#).

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### Free access to digitised records (National Archives of the UK)

While the physical building in London is closed, the National Archives of the UK is making all its digitised resources freely available online to registered users. It is free and simple to register.

Learn more: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>

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## Are you a history author? Or a history publisher?

The RHSV reminds readers that its History Victoria Bookshop has both a physical presence at 239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne and an on-line presence through the website. 'It is a valuable outlet for any and all publications which touch on Victorian history. We mostly sell books on consignment and there is a [consignment agreement and information available for download from our website.](#)'

For authors and publishers, the RHSV advises: 'If you are sending us 3 books for the bookshop, we ask you to consider adding two more copies and make it 5. The first extra copy is a donation to strengthen our collection of Victorian history - the largest and most important collection outside government bodies. The 2nd donation is a review copy - see our [website](#) for details. We are happy to sell books ... and have great success in helping publications reach a larger readership.'

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## Reminder

### Enter the Victorian Community History Awards

Have you recently completed a history project, book, exhibition, oral history or article? Entries are now open for the 2020 Victorian Community History Awards presented by PROV in partnership with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

Award categories include the Victorian Premier's History Award, History Publication Award, Digital Storytelling Award, Community Diversity Award and Oral History Award presented in collaboration with Oral History Victoria, among others. Prizes range from \$500 to \$5000.

Click [here](#) to learn more. Entries close 8 July 2020.

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**Please share this information with your friends and networks.**

Kind regards,

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