

HCV E-news - 25 June 2020

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Dear colleague --

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

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HCV news

Australia Needs More Humanities & Social Science Graduates

The History Council of Victoria was shocked to learn, last Friday, that the Australian Government proposes to more than double the cost of a university education for students in History. Our Chair has written to the Minister for Education protesting this proposal. We urge you do likewise.

Please read our Chair's article, [A Humanities education: what's the point?](#)

Then read our call to action: [Australia Needs More Humanities & Social Science Graduates](#). And then, please take action!

We have also used Twitter and Facebook to share our concern for the future of humanities courses. If you use either of those social media platforms, please follow us there and add your comments.

Use your powers, Prime Minister!

On 17 June 2020, [our Chair's Letter to the Editor](#), *The Age*, advocated better protection of Indigenous heritage sites.

Welcome to the new representatives on our Board

We welcome four new representatives to the HCV Board.

Three are from the university sector: Professor David Lowe (Deakin University), Dr Susie Protschky (Monash University) and Dr Yves Rees (La Trobe University).

Representing the Department of Education and Training is Penny Addison. The Board gratefully acknowledges the contribution of Victoria Hall as the previous representative of the Department.

Our Board members are appointed for three-year terms. Learn more about each person [via this web page](#).

***Making Public Histories* - update**

With support from our partners, Monash University and the Old Treasury Building, the *Making Public Histories* seminars in the second half-year will be delivered as Zoom webinars on Tuesdays at 5 pm. The topics and dates are:

Public Monuments - Contested Histories (14 July)

Remembering the Atomic Bombs: History, Memory and Politics in Australia, Japan and the Pacific (11 August)

Victoria's Native Vegetation: History, Heritage, Politics (10 November)

[Click HERE for further details and to book.](#)

End-of-financial-year reminder: we welcome your tax-deductible donation!

There are always many good causes to support through philanthropic donations. This year, the bushfire recovery efforts and the pandemic-enforced closure of archives, libraries, museums and heritage properties have inspired donors to respond generously. The History Council has fortunately been able to remain active despite the challenges facing us all. It's worth remembering, however, that donations are an essential part of our funding mix.

We are extremely grateful to those who have already donated during this financial year. We encourage others to do likewise. By giving to the History Council of Victoria, you will be supporting our wide range of cultural purposes. Donations are always welcome, but late June is surely as propitious a time as any other!

The HCV is registered as a Deductible Gift Recipient which means that donations by Australian taxpayers of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Receipts are issued immediately by email: click [HERE](#) to make your gift via our secure online system.

News from elsewhere

Victorian Historical Journal online

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria has just published online vol. 91 no. 1 (June 2020) of the *Victorian Historical Journal*.

[Visit the RHSV website](#) to download your copy and to access earlier volumes (back to 2013).

Queen's Birthday Honours – congratulations!

The Queen's Birthday honours list recognised several Victorians for their contributions in the history sector. Our warm congratulations go to:

Emeritus Professor William Stewart Logan AM, Deakin University
For significant service to tertiary education, and to cultural heritage research

Antonia Syme AM, Australian Tapestry Workshop
For significant service to visual arts administration, and to maritime
archaeology

Mel Blanchford OAM, Australian Jazz Museum

Maxwell Burnside OAM, Euroa Historical Society

Rosemary Brown OAM & William Brown OAM, Queenscliffe Historical
Museum

Geoffrey Dare OAM, Glen Waverley RSL

Judith Fawcett OAM, Clunes Museum

Helen Gobbi OAM, History Monash

Arthur Knee OAM & Lurline Knee OAM, Tatura Museums

Helen Mahemoff OAM, Jewish Holocaust Centre

There may be others honoured whose contribution to history is not included in
their short citation. We congratulate them too! Click [HERE](#) to locate the full
Queen's Birthday honours list.

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.

Please share this information with your friends and networks.

Kind regards,

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