

HCV E-news - 7 August 2020

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Dear colleague --

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

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***Making Public Histories* updates**

The next free webinar in the *Making Public Histories* series contributes to the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. **Remembering the Atomic Bombs: History, Memory and Politics in Australia, Japan and the Pacific** will start at 5 pm AEST on Tuesday 11 August. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to book.

Did you miss our conversation about **Public Monuments - Contested Histories** on 14 July 2020? A recording of the webinar is now available on YouTube, [via this web page](#).

Looking ahead, bookings have opened for **Victoria's Native Vegetation: History, Heritage, Politics** on Tuesday 10 November. Click

[https://www.historycouncilvic.org.au/victorias_native_vegetation_history_heritage_politics]HERE for more information and to book.

Annual Lecture – 8 October

We are very pleased to announce that the HCV's annual lecture will be delivered online by Associate Professor Ruth Morgan, Director of the Centre for Environmental History at the Australian National University.

Entitled **Futures Past and Possible: Histories of and for Tomorrow**, this lecture will be presented at 5.30 pm AEST on Thursday 8 October 2020. Following the lecture, audience members will be able to participate in a Q&A session with Ruth. The event will conclude by 6.45 pm.

Ruth Morgan is an environmental historian and historian of science. She represented Monash University on our Board from 2013 to 2016 and is well known to many in the history sector here in Victoria.

This free lecture is the HCV's contribution to *History Month*. Please save the date in your diary! Further information will soon be added to our [Events calendar](#) and will be announced in our next E-news.

Calling all VCE History teachers and students in regional Victoria!

Join the HCV for an online **History Roadshow** experience in 2020!

Going online in 2020, the History Roadshow offers VCE History students from rural and regional schools the opportunity to hear from highly experienced academic and professional historians and have rich curriculum-related experiences to support their learning.

The History Roadshow usually involves students, teachers and presenters meeting face-to-face at hub locations in regional Victoria. Current health restrictions make that impossible, of course. This year, therefore, we are delivering the program online, in two parts:

Part One is a recorded video lecture from an expert historian. This will be supplied to participating schools as a password-protected video. Registered participants will have unlimited access to the videos from mid-September until mid-November.

Part Two is a 45 minute live Q&A session with expert historians that will be delivered online through videoconferencing software to registered students and teachers. This facilitated session will take place in mid-September/early October and will include a conversation about career pathways for those studying history.

This year we are focussing on Australian History and Revolutions - French and Russian.

Booking details will be available via www.historycouncilvic.org.au/history_roadshow next week.

Advocacy updates

Since the last E-news bulletin, we have contributed to:

The National Archives of Australia review of its principles for selection of items for the collection.

The Australian Parliament (Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia) inquiry into the destruction of 46,000-year-old caves at the Juukan Gorge in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. (Our submission was lodged on behalf of all four History Councils in Australia.)

The Future Melbourne Committee of the City of Melbourne, in support of a Notice of Motion by Cr Watts on Arts and Humanities Higher Education funding.

Click [HERE](#) to read our submissions.

Reminder: You can help us take action in response to the Australian's government's proposal to more than double the cost of a university education for students in History, by writing to the Senate cross-benchers before Parliament resumes in Canberra on 24 August. See our web page: [Australia Needs More Humanities & Social Science Graduates](#).

News from elsewhere

Journal seeks contributors on Asian Histories

The Editor of *Agora* is seeking contributors for its next issue, which is on the theme 'Asian Histories'.

Agora is the professional journal of the History Teachers' Association of Victoria, so submissions need to target the Victorian curriculum at any year level. By writing for History teachers you'll be helping them to inspire their students to continue their History studies, and in some cases to become future historians themselves.

Please contact the Editor, Guy Nolch (agora@htav.asn.au), by 17 August to pitch your story ideas. Articles of up to 3000 words need to be submitted by 7 September.

Make history at home, in a time of pandemic

Make history at home is a free 'how to do your own history' series presented by Adelaide-based historians Susan Marsden and Sandra Kearney, with support from the Marsden Szwarcbord Foundation. Susan and Sandra have posted videos, photos and advice to assist people during the Covid-19 lockdown/s. They encourage people to use any spare time they have at home to arrange records and photos, and to share personal and family histories.

August is Family History Month, so it's a great time to get started if you have not yet experienced the challenges and thrills of historical research. Learn more by watching *Make history at home* in five sessions [via YouTube](#).

Heritage videos

The Heritage Council of Victoria has created a web page from which you can access a number of videos and short films about heritage places in Victoria. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Please share this information with your friends and networks.

Kind regards,

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