

## HCV E-news - 21 October 2020

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Dear colleague ---

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## HCV news

### Jane Hansen Prize for History Advocacy

At the conclusion of the HCV's recent Annual Lecture, our Chair, Professor Peter McPhee AM, announced the HCV's establishment of the *Jane Hansen Prize for History Advocacy*.

This Prize recognises the efforts of a group or individual that has advocated for the value of history (of any society and/or period), the work of historians and/or the importance of a history education.

The Prize is named in honour of Ms Jane Hansen AO whose passion for history and its advocacy is widely acknowledged. Through the Hansen Little Foundation, which aims to create a legacy of significant and positive change that inspires and enables Australians, Ms Hansen has provided generous philanthropic support for history and historians in a number of organisations. Her unsolicited donation to the HCV in 2020 inspired the Board to create this Prize.

We'll issue a call for nominations for the Prize in early 2021 and plan to announce the inaugural winner in conjunction with our Annual Lecture next October.

Further information will be available on this web page: [https://www.historycouncilvic.org.au/jane\\_hansen\\_prize\\_for\\_history\\_advocacy](https://www.historycouncilvic.org.au/jane_hansen_prize_for_history_advocacy).

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### Recording of the HCV's Annual Lecture

A recording of Associate Professor Ruth Morgan's lecture, *Futures Past and Possible: Histories of and for Tomorrow*, is now available [via our YouTube channel](#).

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### Upcoming Friends' events

Two Zoom meetings for the HCV Friends are scheduled for October and December:

'Pandemics and epidemics from the past: The Victorian experience revealed through the collections of the State Library of Victoria', a lunchtime talk at 12

noon on Thursday 29 October

'History in a time of pandemic: nourishment, consolation and guidance', an end-of-year celebration with three expert historians as speakers, starting at 5.30 pm on Thursday 3 December.

To join us at these events, please [subscribe to the HCV Friends](#).

(NB: you are already a Friend if you received an 'Alert' email from us on 15 October.)

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## Annual Report on Activities, 2019-2020

At the AGM held last month, the History Council of Victoria accepted a report on its activities during the last financial year. [The report is now available via the HCV website.](#)

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## HCV reminders

### 'Victoria's Native Vegetation: History, Heritage, Politics'

The final webinar in our 2020 *Making Public Histories* program will be held on Tuesday 10 November from 5 to 6.30 pm AEDT.

This event contributes to the UN International Year of Plant Health and will illuminate the challenging and contested past, present and future of Victoria's native vegetation.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to book.

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## News from elsewhere

### Imagining Centaur Exhibition - Meet the Curators: Madonna Grehan and Neil Sharkey

Everyone is welcome to watch this Curators' Talk, at 12 noon AEDT on Thursday 22 October 2020.

*Location:* via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/5144778322214268>

Neil and Madonna will discuss the exhibition *Imagining Centaur* which is yet to open at Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance.

The exhibition is about the sinking of 2/3 Australian Hospital Ship *Centaur* on 14 May 1943, and how we memorialise such events.

There'll be a YouTube recording later if you can't make it on the day.

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## **Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards – nominations close this Friday!**

The Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards celebrate the wonderful achievements of the Victorian museum and gallery sector. This year, the Awards will also demonstrate appreciation for the sector's resilience and creativity during times of uncertainty such as we've all experienced in 2020.

Please nominate a special individual or a project for one of the awards, to recognise the remarkable work of our Victorian museums and galleries community.

The winners and commendations will be announced online on Tuesday 8 December. Nominations are currently open; the closing date is Friday 23 October 2020.

Information and nominations forms are available at: <https://amagavic.org.au/awards>

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## **Are you researching South Australian history?**

The History Council of South Australia offers a Fellowship that is open to all Australians. It provides support for emerging or established historians to undertake research and writing in an area of South Australian history. Applications close on 30 November 2020.

For more information, see: <https://www.historycouncilsa.org.au/history-council-of-south-australia/>

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## **Reminders**

### **Between Birth and Death lies History**

October is History Month in Victoria! We congratulate the Royal Historical Society of Victoria for assembling an amazing calendar of historically-focussed activities. Most events are free and are being delivered online, to cope with the current restrictions on social gatherings.

Explore and enjoy, via: <https://historymonth.org.au>

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## Victorian Community History Awards – 28 October

Congratulations to all the shortlisted entrants in the 2020 Victorian Community History Awards! The final winners will be announced online on Wednesday 28 October. Tune in via [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) at 4.30 pm, and [Tweet](#) your reactions and support for all the winners using the #VCHA2020 hashtag. Let's celebrate community history together!

View the shortlist and learn more about the Awards, via:

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/community-history-awards>

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## Grants from the English-Speaking Union

The English-Speaking Union (Victoria Branch) offers grants for projects that contribute to the appreciation and promotion of the heritage, culture, identity and fellowship of the English-speaking peoples. Other awards include the Oldham Wedlick Scholarship (for the further study and appreciation of the English language) and leadership bursaries (for young people in regional Victoria).

All these may be of relevance for historians, whether established or emerging. Closing dates vary; the earliest is 15 November.

Further information: <https://esuvic.org.au/content/awards>

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## Call for presentations: Oral History conference 2021

Oral History Australia and Oral History Tasmania have released a Call for Presentations for the upcoming OHA Biennial Conference to be held in Launceston, Tasmania from 14 to 16 October 2021.

The conference theme is ‘Oral History in Troubling Times: Challenges and Opportunities’.

Organisers advise that, while the plan is to meet in solidarity and optimism for the biennial conference in Tasmania in 2021, if that proves to be impossible due to COVID-19 restrictions the conference will run online.

Please visit Oral History Australia’s website for more information and details about submitting a proposal: [www.oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/article/2021-conference-call-for-presentations](http://www.oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/article/2021-conference-call-for-presentations)

The deadline for presentation proposals is **1 March 2021**.

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

Kind regards,

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