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Dear colleague --

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

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***HCV news***

**THE VALUE OF HISTORY**

We believe in the value of history!

The History Councils of New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia have jointly adopted [a statement about the Value of History](#). It is being announced today at the annual conference of the Australian Historical Association in Toowoomba.

We call on individuals and organisations to endorse, share, and use this statement about the value of history in contemporary life. The ideas expressed in the statement can be incorporated into projects, funding applications, training materials, mission statements, websites, marketing materials, submissions and other organisational outlets.

All who care about history are encouraged to **read** the statement and then **endorse** it via our online form.

*More information:* [https://www.historycouncilvic.org.au/value\\_of\\_history](https://www.historycouncilvic.org.au/value_of_history)

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## ***News from elsewhere***

### **OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE, JULY**

Open House Melbourne is happening again this year, on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 July, across 13 precincts including many suburban locations. Not only are 200 buildings open, many with historical significance, but there are also 45 special events, tours and talks happening as part of the month-long program during July and early August. Some buildings and special events require bookings, and some are already fully subscribed.

*More information:* <https://www.openhousemelbourne.org/>

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### **NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH, AUGUST**

National Family History Month (NFHM) is an initiative of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations. Every August they celebrate the wealth of activities associated with family history. If you are coordinating an event in Australia within the month of August that raises awareness of any aspect of genealogy and family history including local history and military history, please consider adding it to the NFHM online calendar. There is a category for online events as well as for events in each of the Australian states and territories. Then, during August, use the calendar to plan your own itinerary for participation at workshops, seminars, exhibitions and more.

*More information:* <http://familyhistorymonth.org.au>

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### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON VICTORIA'S CREATIVE FUTURE, BY 30 AUGUST**

Consultation is now open for the Victorian Government's next creative industries strategy which will guide initiatives and investment from 2020-

2024.

Anyone who works in – or engages with – the creative industries is invited to participate, including creative practitioners and businesses, students and members of the broader community. The creative industries sector includes collecting and exhibiting organisations such as galleries, libraries, archives, museums and historical societies. You can contribute online or by attending a public forum.

This is a chance to have your say about the challenges and opportunities facing your practice or career, and our sector more broadly, and to share your big ideas for the future.

Find out more, register for a public forum or contribute at [engage.vic.gov.au/creative-strategy](https://engage.vic.gov.au/creative-strategy).

The consultation is open until 5 pm, 30 August 2019.

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## ***Reminders***

### **VICTORIAN COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARDS – NOMINATIONS CLOSE 19 JULY**

Entries for the 2019 Victorian Community History Awards are now being accepted.

Presented by [Public Record Office Victoria](#) in partnership with the [Royal Historical Society of Victoria](#), the Victorian Community History Awards celebrate the people involved in community history projects who are dedicated to telling local stories which help all Victorians to better understand their past. Categories include:

- Victorian Premier's History Award
- Collaborative Community History Project
- Local History Project
- History Publication
- Local History - Small Publication
- Cultural Diversity Project
- Multimedia History Project
- Historical Interpretation
- Oral History
- History Article (Peer-Reviewed)

Click [HERE](#) for more information and the entry form. The deadline for entries is 2 pm on Friday 19 July 2019.

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## MAKING PUBLIC HISTORIES – SEMINAR IN AUGUST

The next seminar in the *Making Public Histories* series is [The Past, Present and Future of Victorian Indigenous Languages](#) on **Tuesday 13 August**, from 6 pm to 7.30 pm.

The seminar will be held at the Old Treasury Building in Spring Street, Melbourne. There is no charge, but please RSVP to reserve your seat: click the above link for further details and to make your booking.

*The [Making Public Histories](#) series is organised collaboratively by the HCV, the Old Treasury Building and Monash University, with sponsorship from Monash University and Monash University Publishing.*

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

Kind regards,

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