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Dear colleague --

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MAKING PUBLIC HISTORIES – 2017 SEMINAR SERIES NOW OPEN FOR BOOKING

This seminar series, now in its tenth year and offered jointly by the [Monash University History Program](#), the [History Council of Victoria](#) and the [Old Treasury Building](#), explores issues and approaches in making public histories and is open to anyone interested in the creation and impact of history in contemporary society.

The 2017 series is presented at the Old Treasury Building in Spring Street, Melbourne. Each seminar runs from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm and there is no charge to attend. In the first half of 2017, the seminars are:

Performing Refugee History: Voices from Contemporary Australia

Michael Green and Stephanie Arnold

Tuesday March 7

[Click here for more details and to book](#)

Reinterpreting Heritage Houses: Re-imagining Rippon Lea

Martin Green, Graeme Davison and Linda Young

Tuesday May 2

[Click here for more details and to book](#)

Making Digital Aural History: *Australian Lives: An Intimate History*

Anisa Puri and Alistair Thomson

Tuesday June 6

[Click here for more details and to book](#)

Australia Day congratulations

The Australia Day honours list recognised several Victorians for their contributions in the history sector. Our warm congratulations go to:

- Professor Pat **Grimshaw** AO – for distinguished service to the social sciences and to the humanities through researching, documenting and preserving Australian history, and the roles of women in society
- Margaret **Birtley** AM – for significant service to cultural heritage, particularly to the museums sector, to education, and to historical preservation
- Michael **Collins Persse** OAM – for service to secondary education, and to history
- Ruth **Crofts** OAM – for service to community history and heritage preservation
- Bernard **Dingle** OAM – for service to military history
- Dr David **Holloway** OAM – for service to military history organisations
- Padmini **Sebastian** OAM – for service to multiculturalism, and to the community. (Padmini is the Manager of the Immigration Museum, Museums Victoria)
- Tim **Smith** OAM – for service to public administration, and to maritime history preservation. (Tim is the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria)
- Dr Robin **Hirst** PSM – for outstanding public service through the development of community engagement with the museum and galleries sector in Victoria

Biographical details for each person can be found via: <https://www.gg.gov.au/australia-day-2017-honours-list>

News from the sector

SEED FUNDING FOR HER PLACE WOMEN'S MUSEUM AUSTRALIA

In November 2016, the Victorian Government announced seed funding of \$330,000 for **Her Place Women's Museum Australia Ltd** (HPWMA), a new initiative that intends to educate, honour, inspire and empower women and girls. It plans to bring to prominence the valuable and distinctive contributions and achievements of known and lesser known women who have impacted cultural, civic, business and social history. In December the **Women's Heritage Centre Victoria** (WHCV) and Her Place Women's Museum Australia Ltd initiated the legal processes to amalgamate the two organisations, including updating the constitution to include joint objectives and aspirations. The government contract was signed in late December. The WHCV has issued its final newsletter. Click [here](#) to subscribe to the **HPWMA** mailing list. Find out more at the [Her Place Women's Museum Australia website](#).

CONFERENCES – CALLS FOR PAPERS

Oral History Australia Biennial Conference (Sydney, 13-16 September 2017). Call for papers closes 20 February. Click [here](#) for details.

Health, Medicine, and Society: Challenge and Change (Melbourne, 11-15 July 2017). Call for papers closes 28 February. Click [here](#) for details.

NB - there's a special session to encourage submissions from the GLAM sector: "1000 words on a picture" so presenters can talk about an artefact or something else, for 10 minutes, instead of giving a longer 20 min paper. The papers in this session will be limited and it will be competitive!

ARMY HISTORY RESEARCH GRANTS SCHEME

Financial assistance is available to support research into the history of the Australian Army. Applications close 3 March 2017. Click [here](#) for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20 February at 6 pm – free talk: [‘Charles Smythe – prosecuting Ned Kelly’](#) with Patrick Watt at the Old Treasury Building

Tuesday 21 February at 5.15 pm – [‘Animating the archive’](#) with Malcolm Mckinnon and Andrew Lemon at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Wednesday 22 February at 4 pm – free talk: [‘An evolving museum: 14 years at the helm of Museums Victoria’](#) with Dr J. Patrick Greene OBE at Deakin Downtown

Thursday 23 February at 6.15 pm – [‘The Russian Revolution of 1917 and World History: a centenary reflection’](#) with Sheila Fitzpatrick and Mark Edele at State Library Victoria. Sold out, but you can watch the event online.

Wednesday 1 March at 5 pm – free talk (gold coin donation for refreshments): [‘Using digitisation and transcription to unlock Australia's biological archives’](#) with Nicole Kearney and the Victorian Branch of the Australian Society of Archivists at the Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre, Carlton

Tuesday 7 March at 10.30 am – workshop on [‘Disaster Preparedness Planning for Community Museums’](#) with Museums Australia (Vic) at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, Warrnambool

Wednesday 8 March at 5.30 pm – free seminar in Melbourne Museum’s [‘History, Culture and Collections’](#) series. Click the link to find details for the 8 March seminar, and diary dates for the full 2017 series.

Wednesday 8 March at 6 pm – [‘A Victorian Silhouette’](#) presented by Melbourne Museum and Sovereign Hill, at Melbourne Museum

Thursday 9 March at 12.30 pm – [‘The Actress and the Cottage’](#) with Susan Pierotti at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Thursday 16 March at 6.30 pm – free screening of [‘Destruction of memory: the war against culture and the battle to save it’](#) at the University of Melbourne

Tuesday 21 March at 10.30 am – [‘Off the Shelf: Making Storage Work for You’](#) with Museums Australia (Vic) at Bundoora Homestead

Tuesday 21 March at 5.15 pm – [‘Crawford lore – how Hector Crawford brought Oz history to the small screen’](#) with Rozzi Bazzani at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Wednesday 29 March at 5 pm – [‘Crossroads of Civilisation’](#) with Dr Steven Curry and Humanities 21, at 401 Collins Street

HISTORY WEEK 2017

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria has announced the dates for [History Week 2017](#): 15 – 22 October. Start planning your events now!

DIGITAL ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

A new toolkit to assist collecting organisations with the digitisation of their collections has been launched by the GLAM Peak Bodies group. Case studies from all over Australia include Victoria’s Warrnambool Historical Society. Click [here](#) to find out more!

PMI SHORT HISTORY PRIZE 2017

The Prahran Mechanics Institute has launched its 2017 prize for an historical essay, article or work about a place (or an aspect of a place) in Victoria. Entries close on Friday 25 August. Click [here](#) for details.

Please share this information with your friends and networks.

Kind regards,

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