

HCV E-news bulletin, 20 December 2017

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Dear colleague --

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ANNUAL LECTURE BY PROFESSOR TOM GRIFFITHS AO – audio now available

A sound recording of the 2017 Annual Lecture, 'The Craft of History in the Age of Fake News', presented on Tuesday 5 September 2017 by Professor Tom Griffiths AO

FAHA of the Australian National University, is now available.

Professor Griffiths' lecture was both the University of Melbourne's Ernest Scott Prize lecture and the HCV's Annual Lecture.

The 2017 Annual Lecture was hosted in partnership with the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne. Professor Griffiths was awarded the University's 2017 Ernest Scott Prize for his book *The Art of Time Travel: Historians and Their Craft* (Black Inc. 2016). The Ernest Scott Prize is awarded annually for the most distinguished contribution to the history of Australia or New Zealand, or the history of colonisation.

If you missed the event, or want to hear the lecture again, click [HERE](#).

LAUNCH OF THE FRIENDS OF THE HCV

– listen to the speeches

The History Council of Victoria's new Friends program was officially launched on 19 October as part of History Week. With kind assistance from HCV Board member Michelle Rayner, the official speeches were recorded and can now be accessed via the HCV website (click [HERE](#)). The MC was Dr Liz Rushen, Chair of the HCV. The guest speaker was Professor Emeritus Stuart Macintyre AO, FAHA, FASSA. A vote of thanks was proposed by Garrie Hutchinson, a member of the HCV Board. The recording runs for just over 30 minutes.

If you haven't yet joined the Friends, please sign up now so as to access a range of benefits and to support the HCV in advocating for history and educating Victorians about the value of history. Click [HERE](#) for further details.

MAKING PUBLIC HISTORIES

– dates for seminars in 2018

The popular and free-of-charge *Making Public Histories* seminars will return in 2018, organised collaboratively by the HCV, the Old Treasury Building and Monash University. The first seminar on 'Podcasting History' is scheduled for Tuesday 6 March. Click [HERE](#) to see all six dates for 2018. Bookings will open closer to the date of each seminar and will be publicised in future editions of this E-news bulletin.

HISTORY ROADSHOW, 2018-2020

The HCV is pleased to announce that the History Roadshow will be funded for another triennium by the Department of Education and Training as part of its Strategic Partnerships Program.

Detailed planning will commence in the new year. Meanwhile, teachers and presenters wishing to be involved can express interest at any time. Offers from host venues in regional Victoria are especially welcome. There's more information on the HCV website, [HERE](#).

KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK LECTURE 2018

– to be co-hosted by HCV and The University of Melbourne

The History Council of Victoria is delighted to be co-hosting, with the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne, the 2018

Kathleen Fitzpatrick Lecture. This free public lecture will be on the topic of 'Big History' and delivered by Professor David Christian from Macquarie University.

Further details about the event (including specific timing, location and how to RSVP) will be published [HERE](#) in due course.

Please save the date: Thursday 19 April 2018 (times are TBC but likely to be from 6 pm to 7 pm).

News from elsewhere

HTAV HISTORICAL FICTION COMPETITION

– congratulations to the winners

On 20 October, the History Teachers' Association of Victoria announced the winners and runner-ups in their Historical Fiction Competition for school students.

The HCV is pleased to sponsor the Year 9 / 10 section of the competition. HCV Board members Garrie Hutchinson and Tim Hogan were the judges for this section. They attended the HTAV's awards function, announced the winner and runner-up, and presented certificates, plus a cheque to the winner.

The [HTAV website](#) now provides photos, plus links to the award-winning stories:

Winner: Brilee Harrison, Lavalla Catholic College, ['Kristallnacht'](#)

Runner-Up: Chloe Landwehr, Monivae College, ['May we never forget them'](#)

The HCV congratulates both Brilee and Chloe, and commends their stories for your holiday reading.

STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA

– digitised Sands & McDougall directories

On 27 November 2017, State Library Victoria launched the digitised Sands & McDougall directories. This was a project done in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. The directories provided listings of addresses of businesses and/or householders along with advertisements.

One in every five Sands & McDougall directories from 1860 to 1940 are now available online. The scans are full colour, free to access, and text-searchable.

Click [HERE](#) to access more information and the digitised directories.

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF THE HUMANITIES

– congratulations to Joy Damousi and Kate Fielding

The HCV's warm congratulations go to:

- Professor Joy Damousi FASSA FAHA (University of Melbourne. She was elected President of the Australian Academy of the Humanities on 18 November. Click [HERE](#) to read more about her distinguished career. One of Professor Damousi's

recent engagements was as a speaker at [the final Making Public History seminar for 2017](#) – we were deeply honoured to have her involvement.

- Kate Fielding, a former Executive Officer of the History Council of Victoria. She has been appointed as Program Director for 'A New Approach'. This new initiative, funded by The Myer Foundation, Tim Fairfax Family Foundation and Keir Foundation, will advocate for better political and institutional policies for Australia's arts and cultural sectors. Since working for the HCV, Kate has held significant roles as an arts leader, advocate and strategist. Click [HERE](#) to read more about her new appointment and [HERE](#) to read about 'A New Approach'.

Season's greetings and office closure

The Chair, Dr Liz Rushen, with the Board and staff of the HCV, thank you for participating in our work during 2017 and wish you and your families a happy and joyous festive season.

The HCV office will be closed from 21 December to 17 January. Urgent emails will receive replies during this time.

Best wishes for 2018!

Please share this information with your friends and networks.

Kind regards,

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