



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER 2017

Calendar of Events for Members and Friends

Date	Time	Event	Presenter	Members	Friends
DECEMBER					
Tues 13	4pm – 7pm	RAHS Christmas Party	N/A	Free	Free
JANUARY					
Thu 26	10am – 4pm	RAHS History House Open Day: <i>Pot Luck History and Book Sale</i>	Talks between 11.30am and 3pm	Free	Free
FEBRUARY					
Wed 1	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Enterprise and Diversity: Greek-Australian Occupational Pursuits, 1810s to Present</i>	Leonard Janiszewski	Free	Free
Wed 15	11am – 1pm	RAHS Excursion: Rocks Discovery Museum and YHA Big Dig site	Bruce Baskerville	\$5	\$5
Tue 28	5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ASHET – <i>Case Study: 1914 Grand Prix Delage – Resurrecting a Sole Survivor</i>	Philip Guilfoyle	\$10	\$12
MARCH					
Wed 1	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture: <i>Writing 'New South Wales and the Great War'</i>	Naomi Parry	Free	Free
Tue 14	5pm – 7pm	RAHS New Members Evening	N/A	Free	Free
Sat 18	10am – 3.30pm	RAHS/Wauchope District Regional Seminar	Carol Liston, Christine Yeats and third speaker TBC	\$20	\$20
Fri 24	10.50am for 11am – 12pm	RAHS Excursion: Tour of Government House	Donna Newton	\$5	\$5
Thu 30	5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ASHET: <i>Woomera and the Anglo-Australian Joint Project</i>	Kerrie Dougherty	\$10	\$12
APRIL					
Wed 5	11am – 1pm	*RAHS/WEA: <i>An Introduction to Social Media: Making it Work for your Projects</i>	Suzanne Holohan and Graham Sciberras	\$32	\$35
Wed 5	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>The Summit of Her Ambition: The Spirited Life of Marie Byles</i>	Anne McLeod	Free	Free
18 April to 21 May		2017 NATIONAL TRUST AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL 'HAVING A VOICE' Visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf			
Fri 21	11am – 1pm	RAHS/OHNSW – <i>An Introduction to Oral History: Key Principles that Everyone Should Know</i>	Anisa Puri and Scott McKinnon	\$25	\$30
MAY					
Thu 18	11am – 12.15pm	RAHS Excursion: Visit to the Australian National Maritime Museum	Donna Newton and Australian National Maritime Museum Volunteer	\$15	\$15

Bookings Essential: Book for events online at www.rahs.org.au/events or call (02) 9247 8001 to book and confirm availability as some events have maximum numbers. *Joint RAHS/WEA events must be booked through WEA (02) 9264 2781. Events take place at History House unless otherwise indicated. For updates on RAHS and joint events, subscribe to our regular eNewsletter and blog on the RAHS Website www.rahs.org.au or join us on Facebook.

The RAHS no longer routinely posts the printed version of the Calendar of Events (COE). Copies will continue to be available on the RAHS website and at History House. Members unable to visit History House may request a copy of the COE by post.

RAHS Christmas Party**Tuesday 13 December, 4pm – 7pm at History House****Cost: Free**

Join RAHS members, supporters, Councillors and staff to celebrate the festive season and the Royal Australian Historical Society's achievements in 2016.

RAHS History House Open Day: *Pot Luck History and Book Sale***Thursday 26 January, 10am – 4pm at History House****Cost: Free**

Call into History House between 10am and 4pm on Australia Day for a chance to visit our beautiful heritage building, browse our Used Book Fair and snap up a bargain. Interesting ten minute talks will be given every half hour between 11:30am and 3pm from historians on the events, people and places that contributed to Australia's history. There is no need to book, just turn up.

RAHS Day Lecture: *Enterprise and Diversity: Greek-Australian Occupational Pursuits, 1810s to Present***Wednesday 1 February, 1pm – 2pm at History House****Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

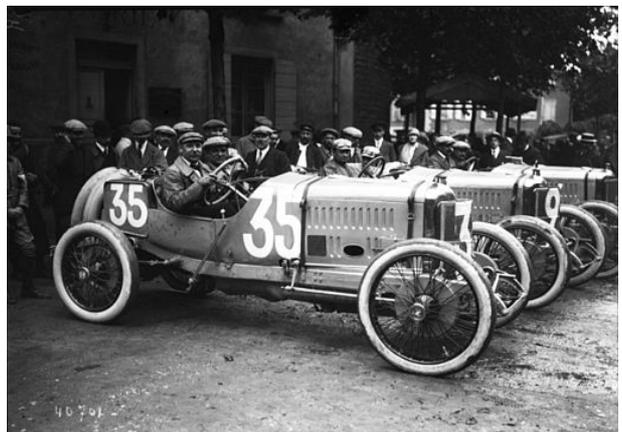
From the late nineteenth century until the closing decades of the twentieth century, Greeks played a large part in Australia's food catering industry. They continued, nevertheless, to enter a wide variety of diverse occupations. These included: agricultural and pastoral activities, mining, sea-related industries, itinerant work, secondary industries, public life, professional fields, and artistic and sporting avenues. Moreover, their contribution in some activities proved significant. This lecture reveals, acknowledges and celebrates their complex and broad involvement in Australia's mainstream development over the last two hundred years. Historian Leonard Janiszewski and documentary photographer Effy Alexakis have been researching the historical and contemporary Greek-Australian presence, since 1982. Their project and archive *In Their Own Image: Greek-Australians* is one of the largest collections of Greek-Australian material in the country.

RAHS Excursion: The Rocks Discovery Museum and YHA Big Dig site**Wednesday 15 February, 11am – 1pm****Meet at The Rocks Discovery Museum – Kendall Lane (off Argyle Street), The Rocks****Cost: \$5**

Join RAHS Councillor and historian Bruce Baskerville in exploring this small museum situated in a restored 1850s sandstone warehouse in the historic Rocks area of Sydney. The museum contains a unique collection of images and artefacts excavated during archaeological investigation of the area. Exhibitions in consultation with the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council show the history of the area and the impact of European settlement. Please note the Museum covers three levels, has no lift and has some uneven steps. Following the visit to the Discovery Museum, Bruce will give guided commentary on the walk to the nearby YHA Big Dig site where the exhibits and stories from the Museum will be discussed in context. The walk includes some steep steps and uneven surfaces. Please wear walking shoes, bring a hat and water. Numbers are limited so book early to secure your place.

RAHS/ASHET Lecture – *Case Study: 1914 Grand Prix Delage – Resurrecting a Sole Survivor***Tuesday 28 February, 5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm at History House****Cost: \$10 RAHS/ASHET members, \$12 friends (light refreshments served on arrival)**

This is the story of the resurrection of the only surviving 1914 Grand Prix Delage car in the world – a vehicle of technical and historical significance – using digital technology and additive manufacturing to re-manufacture the engine block casting. These methods can be applied to other low volume or specialised projects. Philip Guilfoyle, the 1914 GP Delage Project Manager, is an Industrial Designer with 28 years' experience in engineering and R&D management. He is an independent consultant (Vintage Restoration Management Pty Ltd), focusing on heritage automotive projects. His goal is to capture opportunities presented by digital technology and apply them to vehicle restorations. Working for Australian manufacturers (Rheem, Miller, Sunbeam, Victa), Philip has developed many products and a broad range of industrial processes. Image: Arthur Duray at the 1914 French Grand Prix driving a Delage.

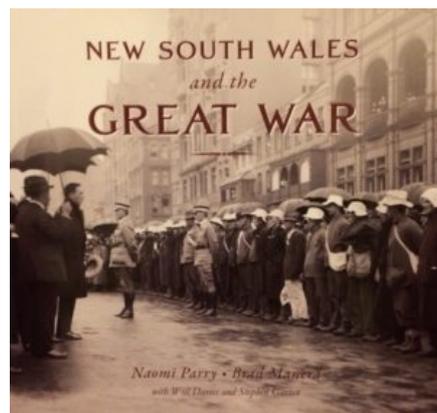


RAHS Day Lecture: Writing *New South Wales and the Great War*

Wednesday 1 March, 1pm – 2pm at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Naomi Parry, co-author of *New South Wales and the Great War*, will discuss the impact of the First World War on the ordinary citizens of NSW, not just in the theatres of combat but at home in our cities, towns and rural communities, and reveal some of the treasures from the collections of the State Library of New South Wales, State Records NSW, the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park and regional libraries and museums, that guided the writing of the book. Dr Naomi Parry is a professional historian with a background in Aboriginal history, social welfare history, museums and heritage. She has a PhD from the University of New South Wales and has worked as a digital historian on the Australian Government's *Find and Connect* web resource and the *Dictionary of Sydney*. As project coordinator of the NSW Centenary of Anzac Book Project, she wrote *New South Wales and the Great War* with Brad Manera, Will Davies and Stephen Garton. Image: Cover of 'New South Wales and the Great War' by Naomi Parry and Brad Manera with Will Davies and Stephen Garton.



RAHS New Members Evening

Tuesday 14 March, 5pm – 7pm at History House

Cost: Free (light refreshments served)

The New Members Evening is a lively and enjoyable event that includes a library tour and light refreshments. Join us at History House for an opportunity to meet our new members who we hope will gain a great deal of satisfaction in the information, camaraderie, resources and opportunities that RAHS membership provides. More seasoned members, who would like to help us welcome new members, are also warmly invited to this event. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 10 March to history@rahs.org.au or 9247 8001.

RAHS/Wauchope District Regional Seminar

Saturday 18 March, 10am – 3.30pm at Wauchope Country Club, 24 King Street, Wauchope NSW

Cost: \$20

The RAHS in conjunction with Wauchope District Historical Society Inc. presents the Wauchope District Regional Seminar. The seminar program will include:

Accessing Land Titles Records: How to access them from home and understand what they mean – Associate Professor Carol Liston will provide advice and guidance to assist researchers in accessing and using the historically significant records that Land and Property Information is making available through its SIX Portal – the official source of NSW geospatial information, which also provides access to authoritative land and property information.

Furnishing your Ancestors House – Biographical and family history is much more than lists of names and genealogical charts. It is about getting to know the person by exploring their lives and considering when, where and how they lived. One of the ways you can do this is through research into their homes and possessions. Join Christine Yeats as she discusses the range of printed and archival resources available to researchers to help discover how your ancestors may have furnished their houses.

A third and final speaker will be confirmed shortly for the Wauchope District Regional Seminar. Details will be updated on the online RAHS Events Calendar: www.rahs.org.au/events. The RAHS 2016-2018 regional seminar program is supported by grant funding from Arts NSW. The goal of the program is to develop historical expertise in the community that will help support history and heritage projects.

RAHS Excursion: Tour of Government House

Friday 24 March, 10.50am for 11am – 12pm. Meet at History House.

Cost: \$5 (book early as numbers are limited)



Join RAHS Librarian Donna Newton on a tour of Government House located alongside Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens, overlooking Sydney Harbour. Constructed in the Gothic Revival style, between 1837 and 1843, the property is the official residence of the Governor of New South Wales. Government House is situated on magnificent grounds and is one of Australia's oldest buildings. **Important Note:** For security purposes, at the time of booking it is essential that you provide the **number and type of current identification** and that you bring this along with you on the day. Examples include Passport, Drivers Licence, Medicare Card or Seniors

Card. This information will be forwarded to Security Staff at Government House. Small bags only are permitted inside building (larger bags to be cloaked). Image: Government House, 1910 [RAHS Postcard Collection]

RAHS/ASHET Lecture: *Woomera and the Anglo-Australian Joint Project*
Thursday 30 March, 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm at History House
Cost: \$10 RAHS/ASHET members, \$12 friends (light refreshments served on arrival)

To mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Woomera Range, space historian Kerrie Dougherty will present an overview of its origin and operation under the Anglo-Australian Joint Project for guided weapons development, from 1947-1980. She will also discuss some of the security issues surrounding Woomera and how the missile research there drew early space-related projects to Australia in the 1950s and '60s. Kerrie Dougherty is an independent space historian, author and freelance curator. Formerly Curator of Space Technology at the Powerhouse Museum, with over 30 years' museum experience, Kerrie is also a lecturer in Space and Society studies for the International Space University.

RAHS/WEA Lecture: *An Introduction to Social Media – Making it Work for your Projects*
Wednesday 5 April, 11am – 1pm at History House
Cost: \$32 RAHS/WEA members, \$35 friends (tea, coffee, biscuits served). Bookings through WEA (02) 9264 2781.

In this digital age, social media offers so many options for historical societies and anyone with an interest in connecting with others, and sharing and promoting work. Using the RAHS as a case study, Suzanne Holohan, RAHS General Manager, and Graham Sciberras, RAHS Digital Media, will discuss ways in which using social media can be utilised to maximum benefit. Learn about the RAHS' various social media channels, approaches to advocacy, grant projects and more.

RAHS Day Lecture – *The Summit of Her Ambition: The Spirited Life of Marie Byles*
Wednesday 5 April, 1pm – 2pm at History House
Cost: Free (tea, coffee, biscuits served)

Marie Byles was the first female solicitor of NSW, a feminist activist for equal rights in law, and a devoted conservationist who worked to reserve National Parks and helped introduce mindfulness meditation to the West. Guest Speaker, Anne McLeod, has worked in the film industry for thirty years then gained a degree in Adult Education and worked as Training Coordinator. She writes on biographical and environmental subjects.

RAHS/OHNSW – *An Introduction to Oral History: Key Principles that Everyone Should Know*
Friday 21 April, 11am – 1pm at History House
Cost: \$25 RAHS/OHNSW members, \$30 friends

This talk introduces historians of all kinds to the possibilities and pitfalls of 'making memories' or doing oral history interviews with people about their experiences of the past. It asks why oral histories matter as an historical source, and explores the various ways in which they can be used. Come along and hear Oral History NSW President Anisa Puri, and Vice President Dr Scott McKinnon, discuss the value of oral history and share examples from their own work.

Anisa Puri is a professional historian, heritage consultant, and the President of Oral History NSW. Anisa has worked on large-scale national oral history projects—she managed the Australian Generations Oral History Project from 2012-2015, and is currently involved with the HIV/AIDS Volunteers History Project. Her first book, *Australian Lives: An Intimate History* (with Professor Alistair Thomson) features interviews from the Australian Generations Collection and will be published by Monash University Press in 2017. Scott McKinnon is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Western Sydney University, Vice President of Oral History NSW and President of Sydney's Pride History Group. An experienced oral historian, Scott has conducted several projects investigating the history of the Sydney LGBT community and he has written and recorded an oral history podcast series, *PridePod*.

RAHS Excursion: Visit to the Australian National Maritime Museum
Thursday 18 May, 11am – 12.15pm at Australian National Maritime Museum, 2 Murray Street, Sydney
Cost: \$15

The Australian National Maritime Museum is Australia's national centre for maritime collections, exhibitions, research and archaeology. It was planned and built more than 20 years ago as part of the massive Darling Harbour and Pyrmont redevelopment. The museum was the site's showpiece and remains the Australian government's most visible national cultural institution in Sydney.

Getting there: If you are coming from the eastern suburbs of Sydney you can catch the 389 bus to the Museum from North Bondi. There is stop at Town Hall Station, Park St, Stand J. If you are coming from Central you can catch the light rail to the Pyrmont Bay stop, which is located directly opposite the museum. Sydney Ferries' Route F4 services Darling Harbour Loop runs approximately every half hour and stops at the Pyrmont Bay Wharf (next to the museum). Please check www.transportnsw.info/ for timetable information for bus, ferry and light rail services.

Itinerary: 11.00am – Arrive at the Museum; 11.15am – Guided-Tour of the Permanent Galleries and the destroyer Vampire led by one of the Museum's Volunteers.