# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
# AUTUMN 2017
# Calendar of Events for Members and Friends

| Date | Time | Event | Presenter | Members | Friends |
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| **MARCH** | | | | | |
| Sat 18 | 9.30am – 3.30pm | RAHS/Wauchope District Regional Seminar | Carol Liston<br>Christine Yeats | $20 | $20 |
| Fri 24 | 11am – 12pm | RAHS Excursion: Tour of Government House | Donna Newton | $5 | $5 |
| Thu 30 | 5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm | RAHS/ASHET: *Woomera and the Anglo-Australian Joint Project* | Kerrie Dougherty | $10 | $12 |
| **APRIL** | | | | | |
| Wed 5 | 11am – 1pm | *RAHS/WEA: *An Introduction to Social Media: Making it Work for your Projects* | Suzanne Holohan<br>Graham Sciberras | $32 | $35 |
| Wed 5 | 1pm – 2pm | RAHS Day Lecture – *The Summit of Her Ambition: The Spirited Life of Marie Byles* | Anne McLeod | Free | Free |
| 18 April to 21 May | | 2017 NATIONAL TRUST AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL<br>'HAVING A VOICE' www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf | | | |
| Fri 21 | 11am – 1pm | RAHS/OHNSW – *An Introduction to Oral History: Key Principles that Everyone Should Know* | Anisa Puri<br>Scott McKinnon | $25 | $30 |
| Thu 27 | 10.30am – 12.30pm | RAHS Tour Australian Museum – *Transformations: Art of the Scott Sisters* | Tour leader:<br>Donna Newton | $18 | $18 |
| **MAY** | | | | | |
| Wed 3 | 1pm – 2pm | RAHS Day Lecture – *Direct Hit: The Bombing Of Darwin Post Office* | Brett Bowden | Free | Free |
| Thu 18 | 11am – 12.15pm | RAHS Excursion: Visit to the Australian National Maritime Museum | Donna Newton<br>ANMM Volunteer | $15 | $15 |
| Sun 21 | 3pm – 4pm | RAHS/NAW Tour: *Central Park, Broadway – Evolution from fresh water creek and brewery to high-end urban village* | Anita Yousif | $10 | $10 |
| **JUNE** | | | | | |
| Wed 7 | 1pm – 2pm | RAHS Day Lecture: *A Complicated Love Affair: An Illustrated History of our Relationship with the NSW Coast* | Ian Hoskins | Free | Free |
| Wed 14 | 10.30am – 12.30pm | RAHS/Society of Australian Genealogists Tour: Millers Point | Ralph Hawkins | $30 | $45 |
| Thu 15 | 10.30am – 11.30am | RAHS Workshop: *"Whereas we the members…" Reviewing your Organisation's Constitution and Regulations* | Bruce Baskerville<br>Suzanne Holohan | $10 | $10 |
| Thu 22 | 10.30am – 12.30pm | **RAHS/Society of Australian Genealogists Lecture: *People of Millers Point, 1880-1930* | Gail Davis | $22 | $35 |
| **JULY** | | | | | |
| Wed 5 | 1pm – 2pm | RAHS Day Lecture: *Recovering the Reputation of Signor Augusto Lorenzini* | Megan Martin | Free | Free |
| Sat 8 | 9.30am – 3.30pm | RAHS/Gwydir Family History Society: Moree Regional Seminar | Carol Liston<br>Christine Yeats | $20 | $20 |
| Wed 12 | 10.30am – 12.30pm | RAHS Tour: Australian Galleries at the Art Gallery of New South Wales | Tour leader:<br>Donna Newton | $12 | $12 |

**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. **Book through SAG – See the event details in the following pages for booking details. 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/Wauchope District Regional Seminar**
**Saturday 18 March, 9.30am – 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** – RAHS President 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 RAHS Senior Vice President 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. **Research tips and tactics** – Advice on ways to organise your research so that it is more focused and productive.
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**
*This event is fully booked. Please contact the RAHS if you would like to be added to our waiting list.*
**Friday 24 March, 10.50am for 11am – 12pm. Meet at History House.**
**Cost: $5**

Join RAHS Librarian Donna Newton on a tour of Government House located alongside Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens, overlooking Sydney Harbour.

**RAHS/ASHET Lecture: *Woomera and the Anglo-Australian Joint Project***
**Thursday 30 March, 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm at History House**
**Cost: RAHS/ASHET Members $10; Non-Members $12 (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: RAHS/WEA Members $32; Non-Members $35. Book through WEA (02) 9264 2781 or http://bit.ly/2m9KvWN**

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: RAHS/OHNSW Members $25; Non-Members $30**

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. 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.

**RAHS Tour Australian Museum – *Transformations: Art of the Scott Sisters***
**Thursday 27 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm, meet at Australian Museum entrance, 1 William Street, Sydney**
**Cost: $18 (includes entry to the Australian Museum and the guided tour of the exhibition)**

Join RAHS Librarian Donna Newton on a guided tour by the exhibition curator of *Transformations: The Art of the Scott Sisters* at the Australian Museum. From the 1850s the Scott Sisters, Helena and Harriet Scott, collected, studied and drew the butterflies and botany of New South Wales in precise detail. This exhibition showcases the extraordinary work of the Scott sisters. Cost includes entry to the Australian Museum and the guided tour of the exhibition.

**RAHS Day Lecture: *Direct Hit – The Bombing Of Darwin Post Office***
**Wednesday 3 May, 1pm – 2pm at History House**
**Cost: Free (tea, coffee, biscuits served)**

On the floor of the Northern Territory Parliament is a small plaque that reads: "ON 19 FEBRUARY 1942 AN ENEMY BOMB FELL HERE AND KILLED TEN PEOPLE." It commemorates a major event in Australian history when 188 Japanese fighters and bombers launched a deadly air raid on Darwin. Among the targets was the Darwin Post Office, which suffered a direct hit. Taking cover in a slit trench in the backyard of the Postmaster's residence were nine members of the Postmaster-General's Department, including the Postmaster, his wife and daughter – all nine were killed instantly. Brett Bowden is Professor of History and Politics at Western Sydney University**.** Recent major publications include *The Strange Persistence of Universal History in Political Thought* (2017), *Direct Hit: The Bombing of Darwin Post Office* (2016), *Civilization and War* (2013), and the multi award-winning *Empire of Civilization: the Evolution of an Imperial Idea* (2009).

**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.

**RAHS/NAW Tour: *Central Park, Broadway – Evolution from fresh water creek and brewery to high-end urban village***
**Sunday 21 May, 3pm – 4pm, meet outside the Old Clare Hotel – Cnr. Kensington Street and Broadway, Chippendale**
**Cost: $10**

Central Park is a 2 billion dollar urban development situated on the site of the former Carlton and United Brewery, which represents the last of the major city breweries to survive in New South Wales. The site's rich historical period, spanning over 200 years, includes expansion from a fresh water creek running through shrubs and sand dunes via the city's first Military Gardens to an important industrial and residential site. The layout and some of the components of the site, including buildings and industrial fit-out, are still preserved and incorporated into the modern urban complex. This one-hour walking tour will provide an insight into the site's rich and layered history, and changing relationship to its surrounding urban and suburban contexts. The tour will finish with a drink at the Old Clare Hotel. Tour leader Anita Yousif is currently employed as Senior Associate and Historical Archaeology Team Leader with one of Australia's leading heritage consultancies – Extent Heritage, Sydney Office. Anita's extensive experience in archaeology and heritage management spans over 20 years of professional work.

**RAHS Day Lecture: *A Complicated Love Affair: An Illustrated History of our Relationship with the NSW Coast***
**Wednesday 7 June, 1pm – 2pm at History House**
**Cost: Free (tea, coffee, biscuits served)**

It is sometimes assumed that we have always loved our coast, so central is modern beach culture to the Australian 'national identity'. While Aboriginal people have long had an intimate relationship with their coastal countries, the love affair for white Australians took some time to develop. This talk uses artwork, maps and photographs to trace the evolution of attitudes to the NSW coastline. Dr Ian Hoskins' *Sydney Harbour: A History* won the 2010 Queensland Premier's Literary Prize for History. *Coast: A History of the NSW Edge* was published in 2013 and won the 2014 NSW Premier's History Prize for Regional and Community History.

**RAHS/Society of Australian Genealogists: Tour of Millers Point**
**Wednesday 14 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm, meet at Richmond Villa – 120 Kent Street, Sydney**
**Cost: RAHS/SAG Members $30; Non-Members $45**

Walk in the steps of the convict stonemasons, millers, sea captains and merchants of Millers Point. See the history and hear the stories of Sydney's colourful past. The tour begins with a one hour presentation at Richmond Villa and the walk will take 60 – 90 minutes. The tour will leave from 120 Kent Street, Sydney. Numbers are limited so secure your place early! This is an event in partnership with The Society of Australian Genealogists.

**RAHS Workshop: *"Whereas we the members…" Reviewing your Organisation's Constitution and Regulations***
**Thursday 15 June, 10.30am – 11.30am at History House**
**Cost: $10**

The *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* in NSW (the Act) has been amended and the existing Regulation replaced with a new *Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016*. The changes to the association laws took effect on 1 September 2016 and include a number of amendments. This session will provide guidance on how affiliated societies can comply with the key changes.

**RAHS/Society of Australian Genealogists Lecture: *People of Millers Point, 1880 – 1930***
**Thursday 22 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm**
**Cost: RAHS/SAG Members $22; Non-Members $35**
**Book online via the Society of Australian Genealogists website: http://bit.ly/2mBLh0F**

Gail Davis will explore the lives of those who made their homes in Millers Point in the fifty-year period between 1880 and 1930. It will explore a range of sources from the NSW State archives. Gail Davis has had a long and distinguished career at State Records NSW and is in charge of the research and copying services. She has undertaken numerous research projects involving the NSW State archives. Most recently she has undertaken research for the 60th anniversary of the 1954 Royal Visit and is currently working on the Anzac Project.

**RAHS Day Lecture: *Recovering the Reputation of Signor Augusto Lorenzini***
**Wednesday 5 July, 1pm – 2pm at History House**
**Cost: Free (tea, coffee, biscuits served)**

Signor Augusts Lorenzini worked as an artist decorator in Sydney in the 1880s and 1890s. When the Historic Houses Trust (now Sydney Living Museums) acquired the Lorenzini archive in 1998, the achievements of this interior decorator working in Sydney in the 1880s and 1890s was recovered. Megan Martin will recount the story of this extraordinary Italian revivalist and his world where "cupids ruled", adorning the walls and ceilings of his most opulent commission, the "dazzling" ballroom of 'Chatsworth' in Potts Point. Megan Martin is Head of Collections & Access at Sydney Living Museums. Megan has published widely on historical and other subjects, including *A pictorial history of Ryde*; *D.I.Y. homes*; *August Lorenzini: Italian artist decorator in Victorian Sydney*; *The mystery of the mantelpiece and Beulah in the bush: rare old photographs of this Cumberland woodland property reveal something of its past*. In addition, Megan has served on the Management Committee (later General Council) of the History Council of NSW (HCNSW) since its inception.

**RAHS/Gwydir Family History Society Inc: Moree Regional Seminar**
**Saturday 8 July, 9.30am – 3.30pm, Moree Town and Country Club – 5 Frome Street, Moree**
**Cost: $20**

The RAHS in conjunction with Gwydir Family History Society Inc. presents the Moree Regional Seminar. The seminar program will include: **Accessing Land Titles Records: How to access them from home and understand what they mean** – RAHS President 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. **Furnishing your Ancestors House** – RAHS Senior Vice President Christine Yeats will discuss the range of printed and archival resources available to researchers to help discover how your ancestors may have furnished their houses. A third session will be confirmed shortly.

**RAHS Tour: Australian Galleries at the Art Gallery of NSW**
**Wednesday 12 July, 10.30am – 12.30pm, Meet at the Art Gallery of NSW – Art Gallery Road, Sydney**
**Cost: $12**

A tour of the Australian Galleries at the Art Gallery of NSW featuring some of the Gallery's most famous and popular works and artists. The focus of the tour will be 19th and early 20th century Australian paintings. Meet near the Information Desk at 10.15am – an AGNSW representative will meet the tour group at 10.30am.