



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT 2014

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Associate Professor
Carol Liston

The theme for the Society's 2014 Annual Conference was 'Moving History'. It examined how history is about change over time and is always moving as we respond to new information that changes our understanding of the past. 'Moving History' also reflects the activities of the Society in 2014. This year saw the Society make greater use of technology to support its core goals of promoting local and community history and providing skills to the community, which aid in producing good quality history projects. Our new webinar program means that regional members can now actively participate in activities at History House. The Society also increased its social media presence and actively promoted the research findings, events and heritage interests of its members, in particular its affiliated societies. Although technology is playing an increasingly important role in researching and promoting history, the future of the RAHS will depend on its two key resources: its people and History House.

The RAHS thrives because of the commitment of its members, councillors, volunteers and staff. Reports summarising the Society's events, publications and projects, appear further within this annual report, and these are a testament to their work. We had wonderful feedback on our 2014 regional events. RAHS Councillors and other speakers shared their expertise at the RAHS Annual State Conference in Mittagong and the regional seminars at Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga. These events provided an opportunity to network and share different perspectives on history. I would particularly like to thank

my fellow RAHS Councillors for their willingness to cover their own accommodation and travel costs so that the RAHS can offer events outside of Sydney at minimum costs to local participants. Thanks to the expertise and dedication of its people, the Society also had significant successes in receiving grants and completing grant projects. The Western Crossings Project, funded by the New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet, won the 2014 National Trust award for Education and Interpretation. This award raised the Society's profile and awareness of the RAHS Library collections to new audiences. Another profile-raising event was the launch of the Society's exhibition *Imaging Australia in Black and White: Newspaper Illustrations from 1880 to 1940* at Parliament House, Sydney. Officially opened by Dame Marie Bashir, AC CVO, then Governor of New South Wales, the exhibition toured to the Margaret Whitlam Galleries, University of Western Sydney, Parramatta, and the Shoalhaven Arts Centre. The exhibition was accompanied by a publication with proceeds from the sale donated to the History House Building Project.

As well as being home to the RAHS Library collections and the location of many of our events, History House is also the primary place where we plan and deliver the Society's activities. Making the most of the space and revenue generating potential of this core asset is critical for the ongoing viability of the Society and its primary goal of promoting history. Maintenance issues with the lift and disability access has made the successful delivery of the History House Building Project an imperative. This will require some additional cost saving measures to ensure that we continue to improve our services to

members in a financially sustainable manner. RAHS Councillors and staff are committed to implementing these changes as part of the History House Building Project, a major undertaking.

I would like to thank all my colleagues and staff for their support this year. The RAHS constitution sets maximum terms for councillors, and in 2014 Dr Ian Jack stepped down from the RAHS Council. Dr Jack continues to provide invaluable advice and is a member of two RAHS Committees – the Library Committee and History House Committee. Elizabeth Ellis resigned from Council in 2014 due to personal commitments. She also continues to share her wonderful expertise as a member of the Library Committee and as a working party member of the grant-funded project *Beyond the Blue Mountains – Following the Road from Bathurst*. Geoffrey White, OAM also resigned due to other commitments. He continues to regularly attend events at History House and provides much appreciated advice to RAHS staff.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr Kathrine Reynolds FRHistS

I am honoured to present my Treasurer's Report to the Royal Australian Historical Society for the 2014 Year. This year the RAHS recorded a surplus of \$201,557 including donations and bequests. This increases our financial assets but is not funding that is available for general spending on operational activities. We also received donations to the Publications Fund, as well as other non-tax deductible donations to assist us. The Society received additional monies from the bequest of the late Dr Lesley Muir which is again tied to the Specific Building

Fund. Overall the Society therefore had an operating deficit of \$14,097. RAHS Councillors with the support of staff are committed to introducing measures that will turn this operating deficit into a small operating profit in 2015.

I also acknowledge the generous support of all members and their friends in supporting the many raffles we have held, especially at the RAHS Annual Conference at Mittagong which enabled us to buy another new and much needed computer, and at the regional Seminars held in Wagga Wagga, Dubbo, Port Macquarie. Without this generosity, we could not have afforded to replace our aging computers or buy a new iPad. We were also most fortunate to have donors who gave us funds for a laptop and a digital camera to support regional outreach and digital media projects.

We have seen a number of increases in expenditure which were not budgeted for: while we were fortunate to receive a grant to paint our hallways we also had to pay for half of this, a not inconsiderable sum of \$10,000. At the same time, the staff need for new furniture saw another \$7,000 spent. Councillors thought it appropriate to support our staff who work so diligently on our behalf, and to ensure they have equipment (such as chairs and desks) that is ergonomically safe.

We are fortunate that during the year Ms Suzanne Holihan and her team achieved a record number of grants which could be either spent by the RAHS, or distributed to our members. We received \$45,000 from Arts NSW under the Cultural Grants Programme to assist historical research and the publication of local, community and regional history and acknowledge our gratitude to the Minister for Arts, the Hon Troy Grant. We also received \$75,000 for the Heritage Grants for the funding of local history and archive projects and acknowledge the support of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, the Hon Rob Stokes. Three other extremely important grants included a grant for \$4,500 from the National Library of Australia for the Preservation of Needs Assessment, a further \$10,000 from the City of

Sydney, under the Exploring City of Sydney for the RAHS Osborne Collections and \$50,000 from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for our Project 'Beyond the Blue Mountains'. We are most grateful for this support from all agencies concerned.

I would also gratefully acknowledge the support of the Hon. Bruce Notley-Smith, Member for Coogee, who actively supported our cartoon exhibition, "Imaging Australia in Black and White", curated by Dr Janine Sager, in permitting us to use the Fountain Court of State Parliament in March, and the University of Western Sydney for supporting our cartoon exhibition at the Margaret Whitlam Gallery, in the Female Orphan School, and also Shoalhaven City Council, Nowra, who supported our display in their regional art gallery.

Our regional seminars were also supported by local organisations and we gratefully acknowledge the support of the Dubbo City Council in providing support and the use of their City library at Dubbo, Panthers Port Macquarie for providing their facilities for our Port Macquarie seminar, to the Charles Sturt University for the use of their auditorium at Wagga Wagga, and to the Mittagong RSL for the use of their premises for the RAHS Annual State Conference. We thank the Hon Pru Goward, Member for Goulburn and Minister for Planning and Minister for Women, for so kindly giving up her time at the RAHS Annual State Conference to present grants to recipients, and Ancestry, and Find My Past for generously donating substantial prizes for our Conference raffles.

We have also had support from the Ferguson family for the Ferguson lecture, and from Joe Murphy of Australian Business Lawyers and Advisors and Janice Mcleay in providing pro bono governance advice.

We sincerely thank all who have given their time or their facilities or their funds to enable the RAHS to reach out to members and friends in many rural places as well as in diverse areas in promoting the study of history.

The RAHS building programme is proceeding slowly and carefully with Mr Alan Croker, our honorary architect, and Design 5, assisting. We now plan to start work at the end of 2016, and finish by June 2017, pending funding being achieved. We will start serious fund raising towards the end of 2015, and call in pledges in the middle of 2016, prior to the commencement of building. We do not anticipate much serious disruption to the RAHS and its activities. We hope much of the serious work can be achieved from Nov 2016- Feb 2017, and that a skeleton RAHS staff will work from our reception rooms.

Finally, I thank Councillors for their invaluable time and effort and all our volunteers who, with members and staff, help the RAHS achieve so much with very limited finances.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Suzanne Holohan

The 2014 RAHS members' and friends' Christmas party on 16 December was very symbolic of this year: it was full of people who actively support the goals of the RAHS and were willing to provide support in a multitude of ways from joining as a member, working as a volunteer, contributing articles to RAHS publications, organising joint events, undertaking pro-bono work and supporting RAHS projects through financial donations. As well as an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the Society, the Christmas party was also about us as a community coming together at History House to enjoy the charms and delights of the City of Sydney that had gone through a harrowing event the day before.

If there is an overarching theme that summarises 2014 then it is strongly embedded with concepts of community and connections. The Society exists because of its members. Ensuring that the Society connects and engages with its membership is therefore the foundation stone of all its achievements. In 2014 the Society ran 70 events, which enabled people to make connections with others to share a passion for Australian history. The RAHS also introduced

a webinar program so regional members with internet access could participate in a series of lectures that gave them skills to support their history projects and local historical societies.

This year also saw the completion of a significance assessment of the RAHS library. Funded by a grant awarded by the National Library of Australia in 2013, this document contributed to the appreciation and understanding of the cultural and historical significance of the RAHS library. It highlighted the role of the founding members of the Society, pioneers in promoting the importance of collecting Australian materials and the commitment required to protect and build on this legacy.

In 2014, the National Library of Australia awarded another grant to the Society – this time to undertake a preservation of needs assessment of the library. The Society also received a \$10,000 grant from the City of Sydney for the project Exploring City of Sydney Life Between the Wars – The RAHS Osborne Photograph Collection (c.1920 – c.1939) and \$50,000 from the Office of Environment and Heritage for the project Beyond the Blue Mountains – the Road from Bathurst. This grant funding enables the Society to undertake work to promote New South Wales history that it could not otherwise finance through its current revenue streams. The grant success was also a show of faith in the ability of the Society to deliver quality projects. The National Trust honoured the Society's achievements at the 2014 Heritage Festival Awards by awarding it the *Education and Interpretation Award* for its Western Crossings Project webpages.

Of course none of the successes of 2014 would have been possible without letters of support from affiliated societies and the skill and dedication of all the Society's workers - councillors, committee members, staff and volunteers. One of the most popular quotes from historian, American politician, author, naturalist, soldier and explorer Theodore Roosevelt relates to work. Roosevelt, who became President of the United States in 1901, coincidentally the year the RAHS was founded, said: "Far and

away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing" at a speech to the New York State Agricultural Association in 1903. I would like to thank the Society's members, past and present, for creating and supporting an organisation that provides the best prize in life - work worth doing.

MEMBERSHIP DATA

The 2014 figures show a small increase in members, with subscribers holding steady. The membership profile is changing slightly with increases in individual, student and corporate members and a decline in the number of household pairs and seniors' membership.

	2014	2013	2011	2011
Honorary Fellows	6	5	5	5
Fellows (all are subscribing members)	13	13	14	14
Life Members	19	21	24	26
Members 50 years	9	13	10	12
Benefactors	1	1	1	1
Free and Exchange	35	37	35	39

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS

Individual Members	347	339	303	270
Household Pairs (x2)	64	70	61	43
Senior Members	506	507	474	376
Senior Pairs (x2)	85	94	79	77
Students	28	20	12	11
Corporate Members	7	5	1	-
Libraries		N/A	128	134

SUBSCRIBERS

LIBRARIES	127	130	N/A	N/A
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AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Fewer than 15	45	43	42	45
Fewer than 30	75	72	69	61
Fewer than 50	52	51	53	53
Between 51-100	101	101	101	95
More than 100	68	70	68	69
More than 200	24	26	26	26
More than 300	17	18	18	17

TOTAL SUBSCRIBERS

1,546 1,546 1,435 1,277

TOTAL MEMBERS

1,628 1,623 1,510 1,360

THE COUNCIL

In 2014, the Council comprised:

President

Dr Anne-Maree Harriet Cox

Whitaker, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRAHS (to 29 April 2014)
Associate Professor Carol Liston, BA (Hons), PhD, FRAHS (from 29 April 2014)

Senior Vice President

Ms Christine Isabel Yeats, BA, DipLib, DipArchAdmin

Vice President

Ms Elizabeth Helen Ellis, OAM, BA, DipLib (to 29 /04/2014, RAHS Councillor to 28/05/2014)
Dr Christine Anne Wright, BA (Hons), PhD (from 29/04/2014)

Company Secretary/ Councillor

Dr Siobhán Kathleen Lavelle, OAM, MA, PhD

Treasurer

Dr Kathrine Marnya Reynolds, BA, MSc, PhD, FRHistS

Councillors

Mrs Lynnette Aileen Allen, MA, DipEd, Grad Dip Local, Family & Applied History

Mr Phillip Ian Black BSc, Dip Ed (from 30/06/2014)

Emeritus Professor David Sulman Carment AM, BA (Hons), PhD, FACE, FFAHS

Ms Judith Madeline Dunn, OAM, FPDHS

Dr Robert Ian Jack, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRAHS (to 29/04/2014)

Ms Jan Koperberg (from 29/04/2014)

Mr Christopher Grahame Maxworthy BA, BEE, MBA (from 29/04/2014)

Dr Anne-Maree Harriet Cox Whitaker, MA, PhD, FRHistS, FRAHS

Mr Alexander Geoffrey Duckett White, OAM, MA (to 29/04/2014)

Eleven Council meetings were held at History House in 2014.

STAFF

Full-time

General Manager: Suzanne Holohan, BA (Hons), BComm (Hons)

Librarian: Donna Newton, Dip Lib Inf, ALIA (Tec)

Part-time

Member Services Officer: Amalea Manifis, BFA, BArtEd, GradDipSecEd

Accounts/Grants Administrator:
Maryanne Byrne, BBus, M Events
Management

Digital Media: Graham Sciberras,
BA Comm (Hons)

Administrative Officer: Candy
Malouf, Dip Project Management

Indexer: Malcolm Skewis, BMus,
BA (Hons), PG Dip Chinese

Contractor

Indexer Osborne Collection:
Michael Allen, BA Dip Lib

This position was funded by a City
of Sydney grant for the project
Exploring City of Sydney Life
Between the Wars – The RAHS
Osborne Photograph Collection (c.
1920 – c. 1939).

The Society also paid professional
fees for legal and financial services.

VOLUNTEERS

The RAHS thanks all of its volunteers
for the incredible contribution that
they make to the Society. Although
each volunteer performs different
types of work, each gives their time
generously and joyously. In 2014,
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2014 Certificates of Appreciation

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honour the contributions of RAHS
volunteers. RAHS Staff and RAHS
Committee members nominated
volunteers for this award.

The four inaugural recipients were:

Margaret Coleman for her
enthusiastic and valuable role as
a RAHS Library Conservation
volunteer caring for and
maintaining the RAHS library's
collections.

Margaret Dalkin for her enthusiasm
and diligence in supporting the
day-to-day operations of the
Society.

Trudy Holdsworth for achievements
as a valuable RAHS volunteers and
her work on many RAHS project
initiatives.

Margaret Scott or her enthusiastic
and valuable role as a RAHS
Library Conservation volunteer
caring for and maintaining the
RAHS library's collections.

The volunteers for 2014 (excluding
councillors and people with solely
committee roles) are tabled below.

Alexandra Clarke
Lecture podcast production, online
exhibitions

Rita Clemente
Indexing the RAHS Minutes into
the database, library shelving,
reorganising the VF cabinets,
collated and itemised the excess
Caroline Simpson local history and
biographical material

Margaret Coleman
Organising and arranging display
cabinet material, conservation
workshops, documenting
bookplates/provenance for RAHS
Rare Books Collection

Betty Goodger
Indexing the Affiliated Societies
newsletter and journals, library
shelving

Margaret Dalkin
Reviewing website content, proof
reading, organising and supporting
events

Trudy Holdsworth
Researching, updating and
amending the Fighting Sons
database from the 1917 publication
Australia's fighting sons of the
Empire

Ghada Khalili
Lecture podcast production

Rebecca McKenzie Lecture
podcast production, online
exhibitions, website content,
administrative support, research
assistance

Miriam Paz
Lecture podcast production

Ethan SanDiego
(Duke of Edinburgh's Awards
Programme) online exhibitions

Mary Sciberras
Lecture podcast production, online
exhibitions, research assistance

Margaret Scott
Organising and arranging
display cabinet material, running
conservation workshops, continuous
repairing of items when found
through collection, documenting
bookplates /provenance for RAHS
Rare Books Collection

Margaret Tobin
Organising assorted uncatalogued
library material, library shelving

Sanju Vairav
(Year 10 Work Experience student) -
Lecture podcast production, online
exhibitions, proofreading

Alex White
Typing TIS (Technical Information
Service) bulletins into word
documents, shelving

SOCIETY HONOURS

The RAHS Council recognises
contributions to the advancement of
education in the field of Australian
history in three categories, namely
Fellow, Honorary Fellow and
Medallist.

FELLOWS

Members of the Society who, in
the judgement of the Council, have
rendered service in advancing the
knowledge of Australian history
and in furtherance of the objects
of the Society, shall be eligible for
appointment as Fellows. Under the
Society's regulations, the number of
Fellows shall not exceed twenty-five
and not more than three Fellows
may be appointed in a calendar year.

Alan E. J. Andrews

Dr Rosemary Annable, FFAHS

Emeritus Professor Brian Fletcher,
OAM, FAHA

Professor Stephen Garton, FAHA,
FASSA

Robert Irving, OAM

Dr Ian Jack, FRHistS

Emeritus Professor Marjorie Jacobs,
AO (deceased 12 July 2013)

Keith A. Johnson, AM, FSG, FSAG

Associate Professor Carol Liston

Brian Madden, OAM

Dr Peter Reynolds, OAM

Emeritus Professor Geoffrey
Sherington

Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker, FRHistS

HONORARY FELLOWS

Persons who, in the judgement
of the Council, have rendered
valuable service in advancing the
knowledge of Australian history,
shall be eligible for appointment
as Honorary Fellows. Under the
Society's Regulations, the number
of Honorary Fellows shall not
exceed ten and not more than one

Honorary Fellow may be appointed in a calendar year.

Emeritus Professor Alan Atkinson, FAHA

Dr Shirley Fitzgerald

Dr Lionel Gilbert, OAM

Professor Kenneth S. Inglis, AO, FAHA, FASSA

Dr Dennis Norman Jeans

Dr Beverley Kingston, FASSA

MEDALLISTS

The award of Medallist for Distinguished Service shall be made by the Council to those members of the Society who, in its judgement, have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of the work of the Society.

Mr Richard d'Apice, AM, KCSG

Mr Victor Martin

BEQUESTS AND BENEFACTIONS

Greaves, William Albert Braylesford (1915)

King, Sir Kelso (1917)*

Loewenthal, Charles Jacob (1917)*

Hordern, Sir Samuel (1919)*

Dixson, Sir William (1922)*

Halloran, Aubrey (1922)*

Backhouse, Judge Alfred Paxton (1922)*

Hawley, Arthur (1923)*

Foster, Josephine Ethel (1924)*

Welch, William (1925)*

Friend, Owen Esmond (1925)*

Barbour, Emily Hume (1925)*

Dunlop, Blanche (1927)*

Powell, John Joseph (1927)*

Wentworth, William Charles III (1927)*

Campbell, Cristina (1935)*

Bales, Richard S. (1941)*

Ferguson, Sir John Alexander (1941)*

Hallstrom, Sir Edward John Lees (1943)*

Saunders, O. (1943)*

Stephen, Alfred Ernest (1943)*

Cohen, Sir Samuel (1945)*

Bales, Mrs R. (1945)*

Rofe, Thomas Ernest Fulton (1945)*

Cridland, Frank (1947)*

Parle, F. A. (1948)*

Moberley, Laura Ethel (1955)*

Armstrong, H. C. (1959)*

Laurence, Kathleen Joan (1971)*

Archer, Frederick P. (1977)*

Wentworth, William Charles IV (1981)*

King, Dr (Alice) Hazel Kelso (1983)*

Slade, E. R. (1983)*

The Estate of Catherine Jane Livingstone (1983)

Else-Mitchell, Justice Rae (1984)*

Cubis, Dorothy Crawford (1984)*

Bench, Dorothy (1986)*

Ross, Valerie J. (1986)*

Sutton, Colonel Ralph (1986)*

Estate of Dr Alan Thirlwall Denneen (1986)

Goldston-Morris, Maurine (1987)

Londish, Sidney (1989)

Estate of Janet Cosh (1990)

Concord-Stapleton, Dr Clare (1990)

Liston, Associate Professor Carol Ann (1993)

Cox, Richard Wyatt (1993)*

Scott, Jean Buchanan (1994)*

Veich, Roger Vanhome (1995)*

Estate of Cassandra Irene Furey (1996)

Estate of Joan Matthews (2001)

Estate of Donald Munro Armstrong (2002)

Estate of Nellie Glenora Mackie (2003)

Estate of Ruth Watson (2005)

Estate of Morris Zion Forbes (2007)

Estate of June Adams (2008)

Estate of Dora Elizabeth Gardiner (2011)

Macquarie Bank (2012)

Estate of Dr Lesley Anne Muir (2013)

* Deceased

In 2014, the Society received additional funds from the estate of Morris Zion Forbes and the estate of Lesley Anne Muir.

RAHS COMMITTEES

The Society's committees bring together a wide range of people who have a shared interested

in supporting the key activities of the Society. The RAHS committees develop draft policies for consideration of the Council as well as supporting staff with core activities. The committees are reformed each year after the Annual General Meeting. Members of the Affiliated Societies Committee that represent city, regional and special historical interest groups are selected during the business session at the RAHS Annual State Conference.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE

Ms Lynne Allen (Chair), Ms Judith Dunn (Vice-Chair), Ms Jan Koperberg, Mr Bruce Baskerville, Mr Ian Granland, Ms Trudy Holdsworth, Mrs Leonie Knapman, Mrs Audrey McCallum, Ms Angela Phippen

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Ms Christine Yeats (Chair), Emeritus Prof David Carment, Dr Kathrine Reynolds, Dr Christine Wright, Ms Margaret Dalkin, Mrs Judith Dunn

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Associate Professor Carol Liston (President), Ms Christine Yeats (Senior Vice-President), Dr Christine Wright (Vice-President), Dr Kathrine Reynolds (Treasurer), Ms Lynne Allen (Council representative)

FELLOWSHIPS AND MEDALS COMMITTEE

Associate Professor Carol Liston (Chair), Emeritus Prof Brian Fletcher, Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker, Prof Stephen Garton, Mr Keith Johnson, Dr Perry McIntyre, Dr Lisa Murray.

HISTORY HOUSE COMMITTEE*

Dr Kathrine Reynolds (Chair), Mr Phillip Black (from 30/06/2014), Dr Ian Jack, Mr Chris Maxworthy, Ms Donna Newton, Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker, Dr Christine Wright, Ms Christine Yeats

* Previously Building Committee.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Ms Christine Yeats (Chair), Ms Elizabeth Ellis, Dr Ian Jack, Associate Professor Julia Horne,

Ms Donna Newton, Ms Suzanne Holohan

WEBSITE AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker (Chair), Emeritus Prof David Carment, Dr Siobhan Lavelle, Dr Christine Wright, Dr Louise Trott

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH FUNDS COMMITTEE

Associate Professor Carol Liston (Chair), Emeritus Prof David Carment, Dr Kathrine Reynolds

WESTERN CROSSINGS COMMITTEE*

Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker (Chair), Emeritus Prof David Carment, Ms Jan Koperberg

*Note: This committee has many other members representing other organisations.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Lynne Allen, Chair of Committee

2014 has been another busy and satisfying year for the Affiliated Societies Committee. The committee members are dedicated to enhancing the value of the RAHS to the affiliates.

A very important function of the ASC is the supervision of the Cultural and Heritage grants. There were 25 grant applications, 21 of which received funding. The committee encourages everyone to consider developing a project to further our knowledge of, and appreciation for, Australian history, particularly the history of your area. Assistance with the project development, the grant application and the realization of the completed project is freely available from the RAHS staff and ASC members.

The 2014 State History Conference at Mittagong was a great success with around 100 people attending for the two days, with another 20 attending either Saturday or Sunday. The conference kicked off with an enjoyable Pre Conference function

at the Berrima & District Family History and Historical Society's new exhibition space in Berrima. For the next two days attendees were challenged and entertained by a variety of speakers on the conference theme of Moving History. The two Saturday tours and the Joadja tour on Monday were greatly enjoyed by the attendees. At the conference the 2014 committee was reaffirmed for 2015 and all members are looking forward to supporting the affiliates in their passion for history.

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Christine Yeats, Chair of Committee

Each year, the RAHS seasonal events calendar is a key focus of the way the Society engages with its members, history enthusiasts and the community and 2014 was no exception. Over 1,600 people attended an RAHS event this year, and more than 2,000 people visited History House during the two open days. The Society also supported a touring exhibition of political cartoons 'Imaging Australia in Black & White: Newspaper Illustration 1880-1940'. Initially launched at Parliament House, the exhibition then went on tour to the Margaret Whitlam Galleries at the University of Western Sydney, Parramatta, as well as the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre.

Event Type	2014	2013	2012
Seminars	3	1	0
Day Lectures	12	12	14
Evening Lectures	4	9	1
Evening Webinars	9	0	0
Workshops	14	12	17
Joint Lectures	12	19	18
Excursion/Tours	5	7	2
Open Days	2	4	4
Book Launches & Cocktail Evenings	2	3	1
Fundraisers/Exhibitions	3	2	1
Standard Annual Events	3	3	3
TOTAL	69	72	61

RAHS Staff, the RAHS Events Committee and volunteers worked closely together to ensure the success of these events. The Society also launched a webinar program as part of its ongoing commitment to provide services to New South Wales

regional areas, and ran two regional seminars in collaboration with local historical societies and regional libraries. Many RAHS members also enjoyed the annual State History Conference at Mittagong, details of which are in the Affiliated Societies report.

2014 REGIONAL SEMINARS

Regional seminars form an important part of the RAHS outreach program. They provide an opportunity to share skills, discuss different aspects of practising history and to share research on New South Wales local and community history. Each seminar included a skills-based training and local history research component.

Port Macquarie Regional Seminar: 21 - 22 March 2014 - Port Macquarie Panthers. Convened by RAHS in conjunction with Port Macquarie and Districts Family Society, Port Macquarie Historical Society and Port Macquarie Library.

The program included workshops on Land Titles with Dr Terry Kass; Digitisation and using Ancestry.com for local history research with Christine Yeats. Social Media with Suzanne Holohan; Talks by Dr Christine Wright (Wellington's Men in Australia including Archibald Innes); Dr Perry McIntyre (religion and medicine in Port Macquarie, a place of secondary punishment); Dr Siobhán Lavelle (Port Macquarie archaeology); Linda Emery (Researcher for Who Do You Think You Are?); Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker (How to write thematic history), Dr Kathrine Reynolds (Dark tales: crime and a Port Macquarie gaoler's life), Clive Smith (Port Macquarie - the problems of researching from a remote/regional location), Eric Claussen (Port Macquarie - computer modelling of Lake Innes ruins).

On the Friday evening, the Port Macquarie Historical Society hosted a function at their headquarters The Port Macquarie Museum at which its latest publication was launched. The Curious Case of Thomas Dick by Tony Dawson received an Arts

NSW Cultural Grant to enable its commercial production. Dr David Gillespie, MP for the federal seat of Lyne, Adam Roberts, the Deputy Mayor of Hastings Council and three of Tom Dick's grandchildren, attended the occasion.

Wagga Wagga Regional Seminar: 1 - 2 August 2014
Blackmore Building, Charles Sturt University
Convened by RAHS in conjunction with Charles Sturt University Regional Archives, Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society and Wagga Wagga and District Family History Society.

Participants of the Wagga Wagga seminar enjoyed a series of local history lectures with a multicultural theme, as well as workshops on land records, social media and research resources at the Charles Sturt University archives. Many historical societies in the region, including The Rock (just established) and Henty (recently re-established) were represented. RAHS Senior Vice-President Christine Yeats explained to the *Daily Advertiser*, Wagga Wagga's local newspaper, that the seminar highlighted the untold stories concerning Italian, German, Chinese and Lebanese migrants.

The speakers on the program were Dr Bruce Pennay (Once upon a time in Wodonga), Dr Kathrine Reynolds (Italian, German and Chinese migrants and their presence in Australia's 19th century view of history), Dr Christine Wright (Wellington's men in Australia), John Koorey (Lebanese families in the Wagga Wagga area), Christine Yeats (Getting started on your land research), Suzanne Holohan (History in the virtual world: making the most of the latest online resources), Christine Yeats (Land Records: occupation and purchase), Wayne Doubleday (Charles Sturt University Regional Archives), Emeritus Professor David Carment AM ("History for their own purposes of identity": local history and local historical societies in Australia), Dr Barry McGowan (Chinese migration and settlement in rural Australia with particular reference to the Riverina

and north east Victoria), Christine Yeats (Romanies in Australia: an overview), Suzanne Holohan (Volunteering and Local Societies).

2014 SEMINARS AT HISTORY HOUSE

The RAHS in conjunction with the Australian Lebanese Historical Society (ALHS) seminar: 'Love, longing and identity – Artists' Interpretations of Immigration' – History House

This seminar examined the ways that artists have incorporated historical themes and images into contemporary art works to explore their experiences and place in society. Guest speakers included screenwriter and director Megan Riakos, sculptor Ann-Marie Wharrie, artist Vivienne Dadour and mixed media artist Bernadette Malouf. This was the first joint event that the RAHS has hosted with the ALHS. Freda Backes, ALHS President and NSW coordinator, gave the following feedback on History House: 'the venue contributed to the ambience and made people feel very special and what they were doing had a place in Australian history'. The Society will be hosting future joint events with its Affiliated Societies at History House in 2015.

2014 NORFOLK ISLAND TOUR

RAHS Councillor Judith Dunn led a very successful eight-day tour of Norfolk Island. Lisa Richards, museum curator, proved to be a wonderful guide through the convict ruins and cemetery, imparting her knowledge with passion and enthusiasm. One of the tour highlights was a private tour of Government House, courtesy of the Administrator, the Hon. Gary Hardgrave, and his wife Lorraine. The tour gave participants a real understanding of the connection between history and place. 'Standing at Kingston, watching the surf pound over the reef and hearing the story of the sinking of the Sirius, lifeline of the fledgling settlement, gave us a very real understanding of their predicament and brought history alive,' reported Judith in the October 2014 RAHS eNewsletter. She also explained how 'the success of any

tour is due to the participants, and this was no exception. Great group cohesion and our common thread of love of history, made it a terrific tour experience for everyone'.

2014 DAY LECTURES

The RAHS Day lecture series goes from strength to strength. Traditionally on the first Wednesday of each month, this series is an opportunity for RAHS Members and the wider community to hear speakers discuss their research interests on a wide range of Australian history topics. There was a special day lecture organised for History Week 2014 when Flying Officer Ross Pearson, OAM (Ret'd) spoke of war correspondents and war photographers who not only recorded history but also influenced our very perception of war.

Family History Society, Bolong Historical Society and Berry Historical Society)

The programme included visits to the Lady Denman Historic site and Meroogal Historic House. A Land Titles Workshop with Carol Liston was offered in Nowra for regional members. There were also talks by Margaret Steven ('Alexander Berry'), Robyn Florance ('Broughton Village') and Alan Clark ('Shoalhaven Cricket in the 19th century'). On Sunday Berry Historical Society organised a museum and walking tour.

Wednesday February 5

Florence Broadhurst: Her Secret and Extraordinary Lives – Helen O'Neill

Wednesday March 5

Four legs good, no legs bad? Dogs, snakes, doctors and police in colonial Australia – Peter Hobbins

Wednesday April 2

Green Plaques – Local Communities – Bruce Baskerville

Wednesday May 7

(Heritage Festival Event)
George Evans and the crossing of the Blue Mountains – Dr Ian Jack

Wednesday June 4

Of Droughts and Flooding Rains – rainfall variability in Australia and its effect on our history – Dick Whitaker

Wednesday July 2

Not the 'unnoticed middle order of

mankind: The ambition of Matthew Flinders – Paul Brunton, OAM

Wednesday August 6

Golfing puzzles in 1839 Sydney town – Michael Sheret and Norman Richardson

Wednesday September 3

How did we get to Gallipoli? – Dr Craig Wilcox

Tuesday September 9

(History Week Event)

Sending the news home – Reporting Australia's wars – Ross Pearson

Wednesday October 1

Truth in History – Susan Boyer

Wednesday November 5

Tom Skeyhill, Master of Deception – Australia's most accomplished liar? – Dr Jeff Brownrigg

Wednesday December 3

Exploring the mysteries of the Australian Dictionary of Biography – Professor Emerita Jill Roe, Dr Chris Cunneen, and Dr Beverley Kingston

2014 EVENING LECTURES

The RAHS evening lectures include the History is Hot series. This series aims to give postgraduate history students the opportunity to share their work with the general public thus extending the students presentation skills outside of their academic peers.

Tuesday March 11

Constructing an Australian Identity: Newspaper Cartoons and Illustrations from 1880 to 1940 – Dr Janine Sager

Monday May 19

(National Archaeology Week Event)
Aboriginal Cooking and Domestic Life in South West Sydney – excavations from East Leppington – Dr Tim Owen

Wednesday August 13

(History is Hot Series with University of Technology postgraduate students)
History of Deaf Education in NSW from the 1960s – Naomi Malone; The Uninvited Guests – John Newton; *Cultural policy and its convergence with suburban Australia* – Penny Stannard

2014 EVENING WEBINARS

The RAHS evening webinars have become an important part of the Society's regional outreach program. Participants require access to the internet to participate in an interactive presentation with visual

and audio components. Many RAHS regional members successfully used this technology for the first time. The most popular webinars have been those providing participants with research and technical skills to support their local and community history projects. There is also an increasing demand for webinars that provide members of affiliated societies with organisational, volunteer and project management skills.

Wednesday March 26

Grant Us This Day – applying for grant funding for your history project – Suzanne Holohan

Wednesday April 30

Researching in the Digital Age: using Ancestry.com to research local and community histories – Christine Yeats

Wednesday May 28

Unearthing Collection Gems: an introduction to indexing digital collections – Malcolm Skewis

Wednesday June 25

Making History – an introduction to iMovie and documentary filmmaking – Graham Sciberras

Wednesday July 23

Promoting History through Social Media – Suzanne Holohan

Thursday August 28

'Picnic at Hanging Rock' in your local area – Angela Phippen

Wednesday September 24

Norfolk Island: Where the past meets the present – Bruce Baskerville

Wednesday October 9

Opening the city's memory bank: Spotlight on the City of Sydney Archives – Dr Lisa Murray

Wednesday November 27

Getting the most from the volunteer experience – Suzanne Holohan

2014 WORKSHOPS

The RAHS organised ten workshops this year with support from a number of organisations including the Australian Society of Archivists, Professional Historians Association, Oral History NSW and WEA Sydney. The aim of the RAHS workshop program is to provide participants with practical skills to support their history related projects.

Friday February 7

RAHS Conservation Workshop:

Making Document Folders – Margaret Scott

Wednesday February 12

RAHS & PHA Workshop: *Land Research – Internet and Archives* – Terry Kass

Saturday February 22

RAHS & OHAA NSW Workshop: *Capturing Memories: Oral History in the Digital Age* – Frank Heimans, Carol McKirdy, Andrew Host

Friday March 7

RAHS Conservation Workshop: *Single Sheet Binding* – Margaret Scott

Friday April 4

RAHS Conservation Workshop: *Repair torn pages and book covers* – Margaret Scott

Saturday June 21

RAHS & PHA Workshop: *What's in a Name? Uncovering the historic significance of place names* – Bruce Baskerville

Wednesday October 15

RAHS & WEA Workshop: *What does it say? The art of deciphering handwritten documents from the late 18th century* – Gail Davis

Saturday October 21

RAHS & OH NSW Workshop: *Capturing Memories: Oral History in the Digital Age* – Carol McKirdy, Andrew Host

Thursday November 6

RAHS & PHA & ASA Workshop: *Conducting Significance Assessments* – Dr Roslyn Russell

Wednesday November 19

RAHS & WEA Workshop: *Pandora's Box – Lifting the lid on the weird and wonderful in the State's archives* – Gail Davis

2014 SPECIAL LECTURES

Wednesday July 30

2014 Memorial Ferguson Lecture: *55 Years an amateur historian and bibliophile* – Keith Johnson

This lecture series commemorates the life of the late Sir John Ferguson, former judge of the NSW Industrial Commission and noted collector and bibliographer. The Society would like to thank members of the Ferguson family for financially supporting this lecture.

Wednesday August 27

RAHS & State Library NSW: *Arthur Phillip – Sailor, Mercenary, Governor, Spy* – Justice Michael Pembroke
At one of the most popular lectures

in the 2014 Calendar of Events, author Justice Michael Pembroke celebrated the bicentenary of Admiral Arthur Phillip's death by discussing his extraordinary life.

FUNDRAISER/EXHIBITIONS

Wednesday 5 March 2014, Parliament House Sydney
Imaging Australia in Black and White: Newspaper Illustrations from 1880 to 1940.

This exhibition contained fifty cartoon collected by Herbert Moffitt that he and his colleagues produced for The Bulletin and other Australian publications between 1880 and 1940. The Parliament House exhibition was sponsored by Mr Bruce Notley-Smith, MP for Coogee, and was officially opened by Dame Marie Bashir, AC CVO, then Governor of NSW. The exhibition was accompanied by a publication with proceeds from the sale donated to the History House Building Project.

Exhibition Tour Dates:

3 March to 28 March 2014
Parliament House Sydney

12 April to 25 July 2014
Margaret Whitlam Galleries,
University of Western Sydney,
Parramatta

28 August to 13 September 2014
Shoalhaven Arts Centre

2014 JOINT LECTURES

Tuesday February 25
RAHS & ASHET: *Sydney's Trams Yesteryear* – Peter Kahn

Tuesday March 25
RAHS & ASHET: *The meat pie, Australia's own takeaway food* – Anne Arthur

Tuesday April 22
RAHS & ASHET: *Ferries of the Sydney Region* – Phillip Rose

Wednesday May 14
RAHS & WEA: *Art Deco Building and Design in New South Wales* – Dr Roy Lumby

Thursday May 29
RAHS & ASHET: *The Wolgan Valley Railway and Glen Davis Pipeline* – Michael Keats

Wednesday June 11
RAHS & WEA: *Modernism in*

New South Wales Heritage – Dr Roy Lumby

Thursday July 31
RAHS & ASHET: *Hammerhead Crane, Garden Island Naval Dockyard, Sydney* – Rick Mitchell

Thursday August 21
RAHS & ASHET: *Brilliant Ideas: Inventing and adapting machines for opal mining at Lightning Ridge* – Rob Renew

Thursday September 4
RAHS & ASHET: *Brilliant Ideas: An Industrial Invasion: Australian civilian volunteers in British factories, 1816 – 1920* - Tony Griffiths

Thursday October 9
RAHS & ASHET: *Gladesville Bridge 50th Anniversary* - Vince Taranto, Daniel Percival

Thursday October 30
RAHS & ASHET: *Richard Dawson, Pioneer Iron founder & Engineers, Hammerhead Crane, Garden Island Naval Dockyard, Sydney* - Dr Harry Irwin

Thursday November 27
RAHS & ASHET: *Australian-built sounding rockets at Woomera* – Kerrie Dougherty

2014 EXCURSIONS

Wednesday February 19
Tour of the Sydney Masonic Centre

Wednesday April 23
(Heritage Festival Event)
Quarantine Station Wander Tour

Saturday September 13
Location Bulls Reserve Woodford Cox and Bull: *Road Building in the Blue Mountains* – Dr Siobhán Lavelle and Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker

Monday November 10
Exploring Cabramatta – talk at the Whitlam Library Cabramatta, followed by guided walk – Marilyn Gallo, Binh Cao, Fairfield City Council

2014 BOOK LAUNCHES AND COCKTAIL EVENINGS

Wednesday April 16
RAHS Book Launch: *William Cox and Cox's Road – a bicentenary souvenir* – Anne-Maree Harriet Cox Whitaker

Tuesday May 27
RAHS & Thredbo Historical

Society – Cocktail Party and Talk:
Did Australia have the world's longest chair lift? – Matthew Quomi

2014 OPEN DAYS EVENTS

Monday January 26
Australia Day – *Pot Luck History*

Sunday 2 November
Open Day at History House:
Sydney Living Museums – Sydney Open

2014 ANNUAL EVENTS

Monday March 12
New Members Evening

Tuesday April 16
Annual General Meeting

Tuesday December 16
RAHS Christmas Party

LIBRARY

Donna Newton, RAHS Librarian

Throughout the year the library had 176 registered visitors, 60 per cent of these being members, or affiliated society members. There were also 26 Inter-Library Loans requests and 270 entries added to the Book database, 33 Heritage or Cultural Grants publications were received. Visitors to the library involved themselves with various activities: the library collection, specific and general, research with the Sands Directories, local area research, genealogical research and JRAHS enquiries as well as many browsers on their first time visit. We recently commenced recording the number of online queries and visits to the RAHS Library website. This will be incorporated into next year's annual report as it helps us understand how users are accessing library materials. Tours of the library through the year included the New Members Evening, TAFE NSW – Illawarra Institute, Diploma LIS students and members of the Hawkesbury Family History Group conducting their annual visit here. Participation of Sydney Open on Sunday 2 November brought 1586 visitors through our doors, the fifth largest crowd on the day to visit a building. The Rare Books Room, temporarily used as an office, can now be used as a research area and is very popular with library tour visitors. The library also received new furniture to complement that in

the office. This increased the space available for library volunteers and researchers.

Book sales on Australia Day, the State History Conference and Sydney Living Museums Open Day contributed to the library's income for the year, as did library fees, inter-library loans, photographic reproductions and royalty payments. Along with publications, ephemera and wonderful photographs, the library has received such donations throughout the year a large framed print of Conrad Marten's 'Campbell's Wharf, Circular Quay from Dawes Point, 1855' from Kogarah Historical Society, and a souvenir map wheel for New South Wales Railways exhibit at the Royal Easter Show of 1938 found in a thrift shop and posted from British Columbia

Enquiries from email, phone and visitors included photographic material, library publications, research queries, journal articles, index and submissions, genealogical and RAHS events and business. Topics and interest ranged from First World War memorials; information required from Sands such as when Parramatta appears in the directories; history of Admiral Hotel, Macquarie Street; Justice John Wylde's property in Macquarie Street; why there is a blue plaque on a property in Woollahra; where did Hancock's Lane, off George Street disappear to; collection management software information; and year in which incorporation was offered to our societies.

Using RAHS photographs and resources, the 'This week in history' in the RAHS newsletter has resulted in queries and information from readers. Topics have included: the first celebrated Anzac Day service at the Martin Place Cenotaph; the Intercolonial Exhibition of General Industries and Arts opened in Sydney; the passing of the Sydney Harbour Bridge; the opening of Darlinghurst Gaol; the first seaplane flight in Australia and the unveiling of RAHS tablets in Parramatta.

Virginia MacLeod and Pauline Curby completed the significance assessment for the library with assistance from RAHS Councillors, staff and others. The successful completion of this report resulted in

another successful grant application – to undertake a preservation of needs assessment. This key report will play a critical role in defining the strategy for the RAHS library and its collections

Book database	23,839 items
Journal/History/Conference	3,812 articles
Serials and selected contents index	3,689 titles and articles
Photographic collection	11,463 images
Glass slides collection	7,613 images
Manuscripts	1,060 items
Press clippings	7,253 articles
Walker slides	1,938 items

PUBLICATIONS, WEBSITE AND DIGITAL MEDIA REPORT RAHS

STAFF

In 2014, RAHS Members received six publications - two editions of the *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society* (JRAHS) and four editions of *History Magazine*. The JRAHS continued to provide an outlet for articles by both academic and community scholars. Topics covered in 2014 included: myths concerning Admiral Arthur Phillip; early research on the White Australia Policy; German settlements in southern NSW; the role of non-indigenous activism in the development and legitimisation of the Daguragu community (Wattie Creek); and the University of Sydney's St. John's College.

History magazine provided articles of general historical interest, developments in historical research, news from the Affiliated Societies' network and information on the activities of the Society and its members. The editors for 2014 were Suzanne Holohan (March and June), Lynne Allen and Judith Dunn (September), and Graham Sciberras and Donna Newton (December). The September *History* magazine was a very popular edition, focusing on the theme of the State History Conference, Moving History, and the challenges of interpreting ever evolving historical research and practice. Three of the feature articles were written by members

of the Berrima District Historical and Family History Society Inc. (BDH&FHS), which took readers to the heart of the Southern highlands, the diverse and beautiful region in which the 2014 Conference took place. There was also an article entitled 'History of the Highlands through Images' where members of the BDH&FHS selected a favourite historical image and provided a reason for their choice. RAHS Councillor and Chair of the Affiliated Societies Committee, Lynne Allen, wrote about the importance of local historical societies' photographic archives and how they can 'spark the imagination of a member to start new research on a family, building or area.' In 2015, we hope to see more articles that inspire further historical research.

The RAHS' eNewsletter continues to be a popular method of engagement between the Society and its members and friends, particularly those in regional areas. It is another platform where RAHS members and affiliated societies can submit items of interest to the history community. This year the eNewsletter saw the introduction of a fortnightly history column by RAHS Librarian Donna Newton and an increase in the number of items concerning local community heritage. There was also a significant increase in the number of requests from affiliated societies to support the preservation and protection of local heritage items. The RAHS will be examining ways it can best lend its support, in particular around heritage education.

2014 was certainly the year in which the RAHS broadened its presence on social media. The number of followers of the RAHS' Facebook page tripled over the course of the year as the Society continued its commitment to regular postings of RAHS and Affiliated Societies' events, Australian history news, and (which proved most popular) requests for assistance in identifying images from its collection. The immediacy of contact that Facebook facilitates with RAHS members and the broader public will continue to grow in 2015. The Society's Twitter page also proved a quick and easy way to broadcast messages about upcoming events to an audience

ever increasing in size. Along with Facebook, Twitter has also enabled the RAHS to direct attention to its website where visitors are provided with further information.

The RAHS' online presence was greatly bolstered by the Society's use of *Flickr Commons* and *Historypin*. Both of these channels have proven an ideal way to showcase the Society's treasured image collection online, with *Historypin*, in particular, providing visitors with a precisely 'pinned' location online at which the image was created.

Lectures at History House continued to be recorded throughout the year and, with the much-appreciated help of its volunteers, the Society was able to deliver a total of 14 audio/visual podcasts of a wide range of talks, which are available to view on its website. These podcasts act as both a permanent record of the range of historical themes the RAHS presents via its guest speakers, and they provide a way for the Society's regional members to 'attend' these talks using digital technology.

The Society has significant plans for its website in 2015, including increasing the emphasis on educational resources and additional functionality to support membership activities. Attention will also focus on components of the RAHS collections, which, through grant funding, are currently being digitised and indexed. Through its commitment to establishing and maintaining relationships with other organisations and the community, the RAHS will continue to promote research and interest in Australian history in 2015 through its publications and online presence.

THE RAHS AND THE COMMUNITY

REPRESENTATION ON HISTORY AND HERITAGE BODIES

The RAHS is represented on: the Federation of Australian Historical Societies by Judith Dunn and Ian Jack; the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales by Terry Kass; the History Council of New South Wales by Christine

Wright; the State Records of NSW Community Advisory Committee by Christine Yeats; the National Archives Consultative Forum by Jan Koperberg; the Roads and Maritime Services Heritage Committee by Ian Jack; the History Panel of the Heritage Council of NSW by Ian Jack.

GRANT PROGRAMMES

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Bungonia and District Historical Society
Camden Historical Society
Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society
Central Coast Family History Society
Chinese Australian Historical Society
Forbes and District Historical Society
Glen Innes and District Historical Society
Gulgambone Historical Society
Huguenot Society of Australia
Moruya and District Historical Society
Muswellbrook Shire Local and Family History Society
NSW Australian Football History Society
Repton Public School P & C Association
RNP Coastal Cabins Protection League
Ryde District Historical Society
Shoalhaven Historical Society
Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation

2014 Heritage Grants

Twenty-two grant projects were approved this year. The average amount awarded was \$2950, with \$7,000 being the highest amount granted. The main project types included collections management, digitisation of collections and publications. There was an increase in the number of projects with a focus on the cultural history of New South Wales, including cinemas in the Northern Beaches, the counter culture movement in Mullumbimby in the early 1970s and theatre history.

Julie Aitchison
Australia ICOMOS
Bathurst Regional Council, Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum.
Camden Council Library Services
Clyde River and Batemans Bay Historical Society
Dictionary of Sydney
Friends of the Oberon Library
Gowrie NSW
Gymea Community Aid and Information Services
Melissa Holmes
Jodie Mollison for Catholic Care
Bernadette Nicholl for Royal Rehab
Outback Theatre for Young People
PACT Centre for Emerging Artists

Robert (Bob) Pauling
 Port Macquarie Historical Society
 RNP Coastal Cabins Protection League
 Susan Tsicalas for Brunswick Valley
 Historical Society
 Barry Walsh
 Russell Workman

2014 Certificates of Achievement

Certificates of Achievement provide recognition to those members of affiliated societies whose

contribution is significant and noteworthy to both their society and the community. Each recipient was presented with a certificate and lapel pin, with full details of their achievements printed in the March 2014 edition of *History*.

Linda Emery, Berrima District Historical and Family History Society

Graham and Susan Warmbath, Blue Mountains Historical Society

Joan Smith, Blue Mountains Historical Society

Robert and Laurel Horton, Marrickville Heritage Society

George and Shelagh Champion, Manly Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society

Tony Dawson, Port Macquarie Historical Society

Christina Searle, The Port of Yamba Historical Society

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The auditors have prepared the summarised financial statements below. The result for the year, inclusive of property revaluation, financial assets increment, donations and bequests, is a surplus of \$5,772,898. The operating result before the increments, and after the transfer of specific donations and bequests, is a deficit of \$14,097. Inclusive of donations the RAHS made a surplus of \$201,555. This improved result arose from increased rent, increased investment income and an increase in donations.

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Income and Expenditure Statement		
Income		
Donations received	93,199	50,876
Specific bequest and donations for History House Project	200,652	110,000
Grants received	40,500	120,500
Dividend and interest received	87,913	72,913
Rental income	142,962	110,792
Subscription received	112,032	129,774
Other income	139,611	105,103
Total Income	816,869	699,958
Expenditure		
Accounting and contract services	10,885	11,642
Salaries, wages and on costs	308,559	242,417
Grants expended	40,500	120,500
History House expenses	77,228	85,642
Other expenses	95,189	54,849
Journals and magazines	38,684	42,870
Postage, printing and Stationery	25,147	23,522
Depreciation	19,122	16,639
	615,314	598,081
Surplus for the year	201,555	101,877
Statement of Financial Position		
ASSETS		
Cash	420,850	412,828
Receivable and other current assets	110,313	43,115
Financial assets	1,107,027	907,823
Property, plant and equipment	14,799,238	9,193,292
Total Assets	16,437,428	10,557,058
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	441,707	331,082
Provisions	33,739	26,506
Total Liabilities	475,446	357,588
NET ASSETS	15,961,982	10,199,470
EQUITY		
Reserves	15,163,645	9,374,138
Retained Surplus	798,337	825,332
TOTAL EQUITY	15,961,982	10,199,470