



Royal Australian Historical Society

2015 Conference Program

Migration Matters

CONFERENCE THEME

The theme of the 2015 Royal Australian Historical Society Conference is *Migration Matters*. Bankstown is one of the most ethnically diverse communities in Australia with over 60 different languages spoken. Conference delegates will have the opportunity to explore the importance of migration history, learn skills that will support history projects and enjoy the chance to network and share histories with RAHS members and friends. The vibrant culture of Bankstown makes it the perfect location to consider *Migration Matters*.

PRE CONFERENCE DRINKS: FRIDAY 23 October 2015

5.30pm - 6.30pm Pre-Conference drinks at the Gillawarna Room, Bankstown Sports Club

DAY 1: SATURDAY 24 October 2015

Session A Welcome and Keynote Address

Chair: Lynne Allen

8.00am Registration
 9.00am Welcome to Country - Uncle Harry Allie
 9.05am Welcome, Housekeeping and President's Address
 9.25am Cultural Grants Awards - presented by The Hon. David John Clarke, LL B (Syd) MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice
 9.45am Lesley Muir Address - David Hill

10.30 - 11.00am MORNING TEA AND BOOK SALES

Session B

Chair: Jan Koperberg

11.00am Sue Rosen - The Immigrant Experience in Bankstown
 11.30am Tim Carroll - Springboard: Oral Histories as the base for new projects, new audiences
 12.00pm Ann Parry - Connecting your history society with local schools

12.30 - 1.30pm LUNCH AND BOOK SALES

Session C

Chair: Leonie Knapman

1.30pm Liz Rushen - The government's hand in 19th century migration to Australia
 2.00pm Bruce Pennay - Seeing migration matter locally
 2.30pm Judith Dunn - Every Migrant has a Story

3.00 - 3.30pm AFTERNOON TEA AND BOOK SALES

Tours

3.30 - 5.00pm Food Tour
 3.30 - 5.00pm Historical Bus Tour
 3.30 - 5.00pm Self-Guided Walking Tour

6.30pm CONFERENCE DINNER - MC: Bruce Baskerville

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2015

Session D

9.00am

Chair: Bruce Baskerville

Heritage Grant Awards - presented by The Hon. Mark Speakman MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Assistant Minister for Planning

9.15am

Business Session

Certificate of Achievement and Certificate of Appreciation Awards

10.30 - 11.00am MORNING TEA AND BOOK SALES

Session E

11.00am

Chair: Ian Granland

Sarah-Jane Rennie - The Importance of Significance Assessment

11.30am

Paul MacPherson - The other side of collecting: refusing, replacing and deaccessioning historical material

12.00pm

Jean Winston - Experiences in undertaking a significance assessment and its benefits

12.30 - 1.30pm LUNCH AND BOOK SALES

Session F

1.30pm

Chair: Audrey McCallum

Wayne Peake - The Peake Family of Peakhurst and the Georges River District 1811-1996. Impressions and Sketches.

2.00pm

Linda Myring - Migrant Experiences, and Eleanor Menton - An Asian Teacher in a new Country

2.30pm

Ben Mercer, Ancestry - The migrant in all of us - DNA tests?

3.00pm

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