



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER /AUTUMN 2018

Calendar of Events

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Date	Time	Event	Presenter	Member	Friend
JANUARY					
Fri 26	10am – 4pm	RAHS History House Open Day – <i>Pot Luck History and Book Sale</i>	Various	Free	Free
FEBRUARY					
Wed 7	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>The Poisoned Chalice: Peter Hall and the Sydney Opera House</i>	Anne Watson	Free	Free
Wed 21	9:45am – 12pm	RAHS Excursion – Tour of the Justice & Police Museum	Tour guide: Donna Newton	\$15	\$15
MARCH					
Wed 7	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>The first foreign delegation to Sydney (1793): The Spanish Enlightenment voyage of Captains Alejandro Malaspina and Jose Bustamante and the plan to attack Sydney</i>	Chris Maxworthy	Free	Free
Wed 14	5pm – 7pm	RAHS New Members Evening		Free	Free
Thu 15	10am – 11am	RAHS Special Lecture – <i>Lucy Osburn: A woman who made history</i>	Elinor Wrobel OAM	Free	Free
Wed 21	9am – 4:30pm	RAHS Excursion – <i>Sacred Spaces Tour to mark Harmony Day</i>	Tour guide: Judith Dunn OAM	\$35	\$35
Thu 22	5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – <i>Photographing Sydney's Water History</i>	Jeanette Komli and Phil Bennett	\$10	\$12
Sat 24	1pm – 4pm	RAHS/ANZSHM Seminar – <i>The History of Psychiatric Care in NSW</i>	Various	\$10	\$10
April					
Wed 4	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>The Legacy of Jack Munday: Half a century after Kelly's Bush</i>	James Colman	Free	Free
Tue 10	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Seniors Festival Lecture – <i>Pompey Elliott at War: In his own words</i>	Dr Ross McMullin	Free	Free
Wed 11	10am – 3pm	*RAHS/SAG Seminar – <i>Women in History</i>	Various	\$50	\$65
MAY					
Wed 2	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Rayner Hoff: A sculptor's life revealed</i>	Deborah Beck	Free	Free
Fri 4	11am – 1pm	RAHS/OHNSW Seminar – <i>An Introduction to Oral History</i>	Scott McKinnon	\$25	\$30
Wed 9	11am – 1pm	*RAHS/WEA Workshop – <i>Online Photographs from the Past</i>	Kerry Farmer	\$32	\$35
Tue 15	5:30pm for 6pm – 8:30pm	RAHS/Thredbo Historical Society – Cocktail Evening and Talk	Randy Wieman	\$32	\$35

Unless otherwise indicated, events take place at History House 133 Macquarie Street. *Joint RAHS/SAG events must be booked through SAG (02) 9247 3953 and joint RAHS/WEA events must be booked through WEA (02) 9264 2781.

RAHS History House Open Day – *Pot Luck History and Book Sale*

Friday 26 January, 10am – 4pm at History House

Cost: Free (no bookings required)

Call into History House between 10am and 4pm on Australia Day for a chance to visit our beautiful heritage building and snap up a bargain at our book sale. There will also be ten-minute talks every half hour between 11:30am and 3pm on different aspects of Australia's history.

RAHS Day Lecture – *The Poisoned Chalice: Peter Hall and the Sydney Opera House*

Wednesday 7 February, 1pm – 2pm at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

After Jørn Utzon resigned from the Sydney Opera House project in February 1966, his successor, Peter Hall was faced with the near-impossible task of completing the building. Drawing on extensive original research this lecture explores the many dilemmas that Hall faced and how he and his team deserve greater recognition.

About the speaker: Dr Anne Watson has a long career as a design curator and writer. She has published various books, specialising in the work of Marion Mahony and Walter Burley Griffin. She recently published *The Poisoned Chalice: Peter Hall and the Sydney Opera House*.

RAHS Excursion – Tour of the Justice & Police Museum

Wednesday 21 February, 9:45am – 12pm at the Justice & Police Museum

Cost: \$15.00 (tea, coffee and biscuits will be served at History House after the tour)

The Justice & Police Museum explores more than a century of Sydney's underworld history, sharing stories of crime, punishment and policing. This one hour 'Justice Tour' focuses on the Police Court and Water Police Station. Please meet outside the iron gates in front of the Courthouse on Phillip Street.

RAHS Day Lecture – *The first foreign delegation to Sydney (1793): The Spanish Enlightenment voyage of Captains Alejandro Malaspina and Jose Bustamante and the plan to attack Sydney*

Wednesday 7 March, 1pm – 2pm at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

The first foreign visitation to Sydney was by the Spanish in 1793 – that of the Royal Spanish Navy ships *Desubriete* and *Atrevida*, commanded respectively by Captains Alejandro Malaspina and Jose Bustamante. Chris Maxworthy will explain the official Spanish government plan that arose to expel the British from Sydney Cove, and how close it came to be executed upon.

About the speaker: Chris Maxworthy is a serving officer in the Australian Navy, Secretary of the Australian Association for Maritime History and was a former Councillor of the RAHS. Chris was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship in 2011.

RAHS New Members Evening

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

Cost: Free (light refreshments served)

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.

RAHS Special Lecture – *Lucy Osburn: A woman who made history*

Thursday 15 March, 10am – 11am at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Appointed Superintendent of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, Lucy Osburn, along with five other nursing sisters, arrived in Sydney on 5 March 1868. This special lecture on Osburn's life will mark the 150th anniversary of her arrival in Sydney.

About the speaker: Elinor Wrobel OAM is the curator of the Lucy Osburn-Nightingale Foundation Museum at Sydney Hospital. Elinor established this museum in 2001, coinciding with the Centenary of Federation. Elinor is well known for her service to the arts, particularly as a benefactor and supporter of art institutions.

RAHS Excursion – *Sacred Spaces Tour to mark Harmony Day*

Wednesday 21 March, 9am – 4:30pm

Cost: \$35.00 (lunch at own expense at Mounties Club)

Coinciding with the United Nations International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. Organised by RAHS Councillor Judith Dunn OAM, highlights include: Marugan Hindu Temple, Ming Yue Chinese Buddhist Temple and various places of worship of other cultures and religions. Full tour details are available on request.

RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – *Photographing Sydney's Water History*

Thursday 22 March, 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm at History House

Cost: RAHS/ASHET Members: \$10; Non-Members: \$12 (light refreshments served on arrival)

This presentation will illustrate what is held in the Sydney Water / WaterNSW Historical Research Archive collection and will highlight how it tells the story of Sydney's water supply from the Upper Nepean Scheme to Warragamba Dam.

About the speakers: Jeanette Komli has been the Archivist of this significant collection since 2014. She was previously Sydney Water's Librarian. Phil Bennett, Sydney Water's in-house heritage adviser, helped rehouse the collection in the former Ryde Boiler House. He specialises in built and industrial heritage.

RAHS/ANZSHM Seminar – *The History of Psychiatric Care in NSW*

Saturday 24 March, 1pm – 4pm at History House

Cost: \$10 (afternoon tea provided)

This seminar will explore the history of psychiatric care in NSW and provide insights into changing attitudes towards mental illness and its treatment.

Speakers:

- Dr Toby Raeburn (University of Sydney Nursing School) – early mental health nursing in NSW and Australia's first mental health nurse, Martha Entwhistle.
- Dr James Dunk (University of Sydney) – 1843 Dangerous Lunatics Act.
- Dr Richard White (University of Sydney) – moral therapy from a medical point of view.
- Dr Greg Clark (Western Sydney University Nursing) – NSW nurse theorists from 1963 to deinstitutionalisation.

RAHS Day Lecture – *The Legacy of Jack Munday: Half a century after Kelly's Bush*

Wednesday 4 April, 1pm – 2pm at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Without the green bans of the 1970s and after, the face of Sydney and many other Australian cities would be very different today. This illustrated talk will cover radical unionist Jack Munday's leading role in the fight against the 'slash-and-burn' philosophy of the green ban era and review his ongoing legacy.

About the speaker: James Colman is a Sydney-based architect, planner, freelance writer and part-time university lecturer.

RAHS Seniors Festival Lecture – *Pompey Elliott at War: In His Own Words*

Tuesday 10 April, 1pm – 2pm at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Pompey Elliott was Australia's most famous fighting general in WWI. No Australian general was more revered by those he led, or more renowned outside his own command. With Ross McMullin's new book, Pompey has also become the creator of the most riveting Australian personal narrative of WWI. What Pompey wrote and said during WWI was extraordinarily forthright and controversial.

About the speaker: Dr Ross McMullin is an award-winning historian and biographer. His biographies include *Pompey Elliott* and *Will Dyson: Australia's Radical Genius*. His previous book, *Farewell, Dear People: Biographies of Australia's Lost Generation*, was awarded the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History.

RAHS/SAG Seminar – *Women in History*

Wednesday 11 April, 10am – 3pm at Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street Sydney

Cost: RAHS/SAG Members \$50; Non-Members \$65.

Bookings through SAG (02) 9247 3953 or online at <https://www.sag.org.au>

Join Carol Liston, Christine Yeats, Noeline Kyle and Joy Hughes as they explore topics from women's history and techniques for researching women in history. A detailed program will be posted on the SAG website when available.

RAHS Day Lecture – *Rayner Hoff: A sculptor's life revealed*

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

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Deborah Beck will discuss the extraordinary life of Rayner Hoff (1894-1937). Best known for his sculptures on the Anzac War Memorial in Hyde Park, Hoff became a prominent star of the art world in Sydney. This lecture will examine his influence on Australian art and culture, his family life, and his substantial contribution as a teacher at the National Art School in Darlinghurst.

About the speaker: Deborah Beck is an historian, author and artist who has exhibited her work widely, and has written three books, including *Set in Stone*, which won a NSW Premier's History Award in 2012. In March 2018, her book *Rayner Hoff: the life of a sculptor*, was launched by Barry Humphries.

RAHS/OHNSW Seminar – *An Introduction to Oral History*

Friday 4 May, 11am – 1pm at History House

Cost: RAHS/OHNSW Members \$25; Non-Members \$30 (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

This talk introduces historians of all kinds to the possibilities and pitfalls of doing oral history interviews. It examines why oral histories matter as an historical source, and explores the various ways in which they can be used. There will also be the opportunity to listen to examples of oral history interviews.

About the speaker: Scott McKinnon is a Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Wollongong and the Vice President of Oral History NSW. He has worked on a wide range of oral history projects for universities and community history groups. Scott is the author of *Gay Men at the Movies: Cinema, Memory and the History of a Gay Male Community*. He is Vice President of Sydney's Pride History Group.

RAHS/WEA Workshop – *Online Photographs from the Past*

Wednesday 9 May, 11am – 1pm at History House

Cost: RAHS/WEA Members \$32; Non-Members \$35 (tea, coffee and biscuits served).

Bookings through WEA (02) 9264 2781 or online at <https://www.weasydney.com.au>

Bring your family history to life with historical photos that help you see things as your ancestors saw them. Explore websites such as Historypin, Flickr, Trove and Pinterest and learn how you can make them work for you.

About the speaker: Kerry Farmer has been teaching family history classes since 1997. With degrees in both science and the arts, she is a member of the Education Committee of the Society of Australian Genealogists. Kerry is also the Director of Australian Studies for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies.

RAHS/Thredbo Historical Society – *Cocktail Evening and Talk*

Tuesday 15 May, 5:30pm for 6pm – 8:30pm at History House

Cost: RAHS/Thredbo Historical Society Members \$32; Non-Members \$35

Join the Royal Australian Historical Society and Thredbo Historical Society for their annual cocktail evening. Join guest speaker Randy Wieman, Australian and European freestyle skiing champion of the 1970s, who will discuss Australia's transition from hot-dogging to freestyle skiing, including aeriels, moguls and ballet.