



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Book online at <https://www.rahs.org.au/events/> or call us on (02) 9247 8001

Date	Time	Event	Presenter	Member	Friend
JANUARY					
Sat 26	10am-4pm	History House Open Day – <i>Pot Luck with History & Book Sale</i>	Various	Free	Free
FEBRUARY					
Wed 6	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Robert Bostock: Australia's slave trader convict and his freed captives</i>	Emma Christopher	Free	Free
Sat 9	1pm – 5pm	Australian Lebanese Family Workshop	Various	\$10	\$15
Sat 16	1pm – 3pm	RAHS/City of Sydney Lecture – <i>Flu Frenzy: Taming the 1919 Influenza Pandemic</i>	Various	\$10	\$15
Tue 12	11am – 1pm	RAHS/WEA Workshop – <i>Digitisation Workshop: Small Collections</i>	Paul Convy	\$32	\$35
Wed 27	5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/HHA Evening Lecture – <i>Finding Islands of my own: Phillip Parker King, the first internationally renowned Australian</i>	Paul Brunton	\$25	\$35
Thur 28	5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – <i>Smart Cities: Platforms for Liveable Cities</i>	Paul Budde	\$10	\$12
MARCH					
Wed 6	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>The Power of the Pedal</i>	Rupert Guinness	Free	Free
Tue 12	2pm – 4pm	RAHS/ISAA Lecture – <i>A Walk Through Time and the Archives</i>	Diane Solomon Westerhuis	\$5	\$10
Thur 14	5pm – 7pm	RAHS New Members' Evening		Free	Free
Thur 21	5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – <i>Technology and Engineering at the Grass Roots: 180 Years of the Development of Wire Strainers</i>	John Pickard	\$10	\$12
APRIL					
Wed 3	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Where history Happened: Warragamba Dam</i>	Peter Spearritt	Free	Free
Sat 6	9.30am – 3.30pm	RAHS/Bathurst District Historical Society – Create NSW Regional Seminar	Various	\$20	\$20
Tue 16	6pm – 8pm	RAHS Annual General Meeting			

Unless otherwise indicated, events take place at History House 133 Macquarie Street. *Joint RAHS/HHA events must be booked through HHA (02) 9252 5554 or <http://www.hha.net.au/buy-tickets> and joint RAHS/WEA events must be booked through WEA (02) 9264 2781 or <https://www.weasydney.com.au/course/WLKEHB>



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Australia Day 2019: *Pot Luck with History* & Book Sale

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

Cost: Free

Call into History House on Australia Day for a chance to visit our beautiful heritage building. While you are here, browse our book sale and listen to historians speaking about the events, people and places that have contributed to Australia's history. There will be twenty-minute talks every half-hour between 11:30am and 3pm.

There is no need to book, just simply turn up.

[Speakers' Program available to download online at: <https://www.rahs.org.au/event/australia-day-2019-pot-luck-with-history-and-book-sale/>]

RAHS Day Lecture – *Robert Bostock: Australia's slave trader convict and his freed captives*

Wednesday 6 February, 1pm – 2pm at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Join Emma Christopher as she discusses her new book *Freedom in White and Black: A Lost Story of the Illegal Slave Trade and its Global Legacy* (2018). In this lecture, Emma will focus on Robert Bostock and John McQueen – the two men shipped to Australia as convicts for their crime of slave trading. Emma will also discuss the enslaved men, women and children that were rescued from Bostock's factory.

About the speaker: Emma Christopher is a historian, documentary filmmaker and the director, producer and researcher of *They Are We* (New York: Icarus Film, 2014). This film won five Best Documentary Awards, was featured widely in the media, and was chosen as the United Nations' Remembrance of Slavery film 2015. It has been screened in more than 70 countries around the world.

Australian Lebanese Family Workshop

Saturday 9 February, 1pm – 5pm at History House

Cost: RAHS/ALHS/HCNSW Members \$10.00 | Non-Members \$15

The Royal Australian Historical Society, the Centre for Applied History (Macquarie University), and the History Council of NSW are partnering with the Australian Lebanese Historical Society to bring together people interested in Australian Lebanese family history.

Do you want to research, record and tell your family story/stories? Come and hear a range of speakers give brief overviews of the different ways they have approached the documentation and telling of Lebanese Australian family histories. Be sure to bring along any writing, documenting or recording you have already done. This 'hands-on' workshop is open to all interested participants.

[More information about this event, including speakers is available online at: <https://www.rahs.org.au/event/australian-lebanese-family-workshop/>]

RAHS/WEA Workshop – *Digitisation workshop: Small Collections*

Tuesday 12 February, 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/course/DWS>

Paul Convy will provide advice and guidance on planning and undertaking a digitisation project. Paul will look at the issues you will need to consider when planning a digitisation project, including: the selection of material, how the material is going to be indexed and described, copyright and conservation. He will also discuss scanning techniques and handling tips, advice on image management and storage.

About the speaker: Paul Convy BA (Hons), Grad. Dip. I.M. (Lib), M. Soc. Sci., Cert IV (Workplace Training & Assessment). Paul is the Secretary of the Australian Lebanese Historical Society and co-author of the publication *Lebanese Settlement in New South Wales: A Thematic History* (2008). Paul planned and managed the digitisation of the Randwick and District Historical Society's photograph collection.

RAHS/City of Sydney Lecture – *Flu Frenzy: Taming the 1919 Influenza Pandemic*

Saturday 16 February 1pm – 3pm at History House

Cost: Members \$10 | Non-Members \$15 (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Bookings are essential. A minimum of 20 participants is required.

When the 'Spanish' flu hit Sydney in January 1919 it was another blow for a war-weary community. How did Sydney cope in 1919 when influenza infected a third of the city's residents? Explore how local, family and medical records can help us piece together the intimate impact of this deadly global disease.

Speakers: Dr Peter Hobbins (RAHS Councillor), Laila Ellmoos (City of Sydney) and representative from the Inner West Council (TBC)

RAHS/Historic Houses Association of Australia Evening Lecture – *Finding islands of my own: Phillip Parker King, the first internationally renowned Australian*

Wednesday 27 February, 5:30pm refreshments | 6pm – 7pm lecture at History House

Cost: Members \$25 | Non-Members \$35 (light refreshments included)

Bookings through HHA (02) 9252 554 or online at <https://www.hha.net.au/upcoming-events>

In 1796, the four year old Phillip Parker King told Matthew Flinders: 'I shall be a sailor like my papa and find islands of my own'. Flinders never forgot and 15 years later, in 1811, introduced the young midshipman to Joseph Banks and Captain Thomas Hurd, hydrographer to the Admiralty. Join Paul Brunton as he discusses King and his surveys of the Australian coasts and later South America and the Strait of Magellan.

About the speaker: Paul Brunton OAM, FAHA, is Emeritus Curator, State Library of New South Wales. He worked with the Mitchell Library's Australiana collections for 40 years and was Curator of Manuscripts from 1986 to 2001 and Senior Curator from 2002–12.

RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – *Smart Cities: Platforms for Liveable Cities*

Thursday 28 February, 5:30pm refreshments | 6pm – 7pm lecture at History House

Cost: RAHS/ASHET Members \$10 | Non-Members \$12 (light refreshments included)

In this lecture Paul Budde will discuss smart cities and the new digital technologies that are enabling transformations in relation to the circular economy (waste, water, energy); the digital economy (communication, interconnection); mobility (transport); liveability, etc.

About the speaker: Paul Budde is the CEO of Paul Budde Consulting, which specialises in strategic planning of government and business innovation and transformation around the digital, sharing and interconnected economy.

RAHS Day Lecture – *The Power of the Pedal*

Wednesday 6 March, 1pm – 2pm at History House

Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)

Bicycles changed our lives – they meant a new and faster way to get around, in both the country and the city, and gave rise to ways of exploring, socialising and competing. Join Rupert Guinness as he discusses his new book, *Power of the Pedal* (2018) and reveals 200 years of the bike in Australia.

About the speaker: Rupert Guinness is a senior sports writer for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and has written thirteen books. He has covered 20 Tours de France and was awarded a Walkley Award for his inside story for *The Australian* on the 1999/2000 Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

RAHS/Independent Scholars Association of Australia (ISAA) Lecture – *A Walk through Time and the Archives*

Tuesday 12 March, 2pm – 4pm at History House

Cost: RAHS and ISAA members \$5 | Non-Members \$10 (includes afternoon tea)

This lecture will explore the archival research undertaken by Dr Diane Solomon Westerhuis to complete a detailed heritage study of Laurieton, NSW. Originating with a contemporary census of Laurieton's old main street, a narrative emerges that highlights the chronology of the village and its surrounds over time.

About the speaker: Dr Diane Solomon Westerhuis is an independent researcher, writer and editor. She has worked as a history teacher, researcher and university lecturer, at James Cook University in Townsville and

RAHS New Members' Evening**Thursday 14 March, 5pm – 7pm at History House****Cost: Free (light refreshments served)**

Join us at History House for the opportunity to learn more about the RAHS and our facilities. Enjoy light refreshments in our beautiful Reception rooms while mingling with RAHS staff, Councillors and long-term members. New members can also enjoy a tour of our Library that highlights our diverse research collection. So whether you have been a member for 6 months or 50 years, please join us!

Please note: For catering purposes, please book by Monday, 11 March 2019.

RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – *Technology and Engineering at the Grass Roots: 180 Years of the Development of Wire Strainers***Thursday 21 March 2019, 5:30pm refreshments | 6pm – 7pm lecture at History House****Cost: RAHS/ASHET Members \$10 | Non-Members \$12**

Join Dr John Pickard in this illustrated talk as he discusses the evolution of wire strainers. As the technology of wire changed from iron to steel and then high tensile steel, inventors patented their solution to the problems of straining fences.

About the speaker: Dr John Pickard has studied rural fences since the early 1990s, and has published numerous papers on the history of fencing, and its precursor, shepherding, culminating in a PhD in 2010.

RAHS Day Lecture – *Where History Happened: Warragamba Dam***Wednesday 3 April, 1pm – 2pm at History House****Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

When Warragamba Dam opened in 1960, amid great fanfare, the official government booklet text stated: 'The building of the Warragamba Dam resulted in the flooding of the Burratorang Valley, drowning what was once the secluded haunt of aborigines and, later, a fertile farming district and popular holiday resort.' Join Peter Spearritt as he explores the flooding of the valley, the building of the dam, and the many issues involved in assessing our engineering heritage.

About the speaker: Peter Spearritt is an Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Queensland. In 1982 he wrote *The Sydney Harbour Bridge: A Life*, for the 50th anniversary, which has gone on to a second and third edition. The National Library of Australia has just published his book *Where History Happened: The Hidden Past of Australia's Towns and Places* (2018).

RAHS/Bathurst District Historical Society – Create NSW Regional Seminar**Saturday 6 April, 9:30am – 3:30pm at Bathurst (venue TBC)****Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and afternoon tea)**

Associate Professor Carol Liston will highlight the range of records now available online that can help researchers investigate land settlement in the Bathurst Region. Judith Dunn will consider the remaining buildings of the Female Factory and explore the lifestyle of the women convicts that lived there. Christine Yeats will discuss and provide examples of the many search tips and strategies to assist researchers make better use of Trove's resources.

RAHS Annual General Meeting**Tuesday 16 April, 6pm – 8pm at History House****Cost: Free**

Any financial member is entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. A member may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his or her stead. The proxy must be a financial member of the Society at the time of voting.

Members wishing to submit notices of motions to be included in the agenda for the AGM should submit them in writing by 4pm Monday 11 February 2019.