

2018 Conference in Port Macquarie, NSW

The 2018 conference, *Surveying the Past, Mapping the Present*, saw delegates from 32 historical societies, as well as independent historians, travel to Port Macquarie to learn how to survey the past of their own community.

Delegates were able to attend a variety of sessions that ranged from Port Macquarie's history, the usefulness of business records, colonial surveyors and the legacies of WWI. Jenna Bain, the Digital Media Leader at the State Library of NSW presented a workshop on *Amplify* – the Library's platform for the delivery and transcriptions of its oral history collections, while RAHS Councillor Dr Peter Hobbins provided advice on how to mark the centenary of the 'Spanish flu'. Those who attended tours either visited Port Macquarie's Second Burying Ground or went on a guided bus tour with local Tony Dawson to uncover the area's historic sites. A bus breakdown worked in favour of those on the bus tour as they were able to stop and visit the charming nineteenth-century Roto House.

The RAHS would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Conference, especially Minister for the Arts, the Hon. Don Harwin MLC for presenting the 2018 Cultural Grant Awards, and Dr Mathew Trinca for delivering the inspiring Lesley Muir Address. We would also like to thank the RAHS Affiliated Societies Committee, Port Macquarie Historical Society, as well as all the speakers and delegates. A special thanks to all those who supported the conference raffle, the proceeds will go towards expenses relating to the NBN rollout at History House.

The 2019 Conference will be held in Tamworth on Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 September at the West Tamworth League Club. The RAHS Affiliated Societies Committee are currently working with Tamworth Historical Society on the program.

We encourage you to save the day and also to book your accommodation early.

2018 Create NSW Cultural Grant Recipients

Adelong Alive Museum – \$1,400 for the Adelong Walking Map flyer

Albury and District Historical Society – \$4,805 for the project *Digitising Border Morning Mail, Albury 1943*

Armidale and District Historical Society – \$500 for the publication of Journal 61

Berry and District Historical Society – \$946 for the project *Grave Misconceptions: Setting the record straight*

Berry and District Historical Society – \$946 for the publication *Up In The Hills: Farming in Upper Brogers Creek*

Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations – \$980 for the Blue Mountains History Journal Issue 9

Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society – \$507 for *Grist Mills Volume 32 – 2019. Numbers 1,2 and 3.*

Colo Shire Family History Group – \$2,463 for the publication *St Stephens Church Kurrajong Parish Registers Volume 4*

Convict Trail Project – \$407 for *The Pick of the Great North Road Volume 11*

Cowra Family History Group – \$3,525 for the publication of *Transcribed registers from St Johns Anglican Church, Cowra*

Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society – \$1,546 for the *Biography of Thomas Sharpe* by Barbara Appleton

Gymea Community Aid and Information Service – \$3,900 for the project *Indian Sub Continent Oral Histories of the Sutherland Shire*



Lynne Allen (RAHS Affiliated Societies Committee) and Dr Mathew Trinca (Director of the National Museum of Australia)

Jindera Pioneer Museum and Historical Society – \$2,640 for the publication *Jindera Pioneer Museum- A book debut*

Landcare NSW – \$3,500 for the publication *Long way in a decade – History of Landcare NSW*

The Orange and District Historical Society – \$4,750 for the publication *Father and Sons: The Daltons of Orange*

Port Macquarie Historical Society – \$3,500 for the project *Historic Port Macquarie Walking Tour brochure*

Richmond River Historical Society – \$3,540 for the publication *A stroll around the block: Exploring Lismore's CBD heritage*

Royal NSW Bowling Association Ltd – \$2,597 for the John Young book restoration

Shoalhaven Historical Society – \$990 for the publication *Saddlers of the Nowra District*

Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society – \$3,313 for the *Migration of Dr Keith Swan's audio collection*

The Woodford Academy – \$3,245 for the project *Ettie's Diary*

2018 Heritage Grant Recipients

Dr Jess Jennings – \$4,000 for the archive collection for researching the NSW Grain Milling Industry project

Pamela Harrison – \$4,000 for the publication *Female Staff in Maitland Gaol 1848-1900*

Royal NSW Bowling Association – \$5,000 for the *Bowls NSW Magazine Archive Digitisation project*

The Sydney Children's Hospital Network – \$2,000 for the *Digitisation of Annual reports 1880-1975 project*

Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest Family Research Group – \$5,000 for the *NOTA Newspaper Digitisation project*

The Trustee for Newtown School of the Arts – \$3,500 for the *Newtown School of the Arts Heritage Research Foundation project*

Patrick Wilson – \$3,500 for the publication *Out of Sight, out of mind: The forgotten heritage of Shantytowns in NSW 1890-1955*

2018 Certificates of Achievement

Carolyn Dougherty – Berrima District Historical & Family History Society

For her dedication and contribution to the Society since 1999, including her role as Assistant Librarian (2000) and Librarian since 2011. During this time, Carolyn has managed the library, overseen the growth of the collection and has retained the most

comprehensive collection of local material in the Wingecarribee Shire. Carolyn has served on the Management Committee at various times and continues to make a valuable and worthwhile contribution.

Philip Morton – Berrima District Historical & Family History Society

For his considerable contribution to the Society since 2008, including his time as Secretary and as the current Publicity Officer. In this role, Philip has written popular weekly articles for the press which has enhanced the public face of the Society in the local community. Philip's computer and writing skills, original ideas and readiness to participate have substantially contributed to the Society's progress. He works tirelessly for the good and welfare of the Society, generously offering to help and volunteering for projects.

Dianne Nolan – Macleay River Historical Society & Kempsey Museum

For her work as Research Manager, which Dianne has carried out efficiently and diligently. Since 2014, Dianne has lifted the profile of historical research at the museum and has continued to refine and improve the research processes that now help all volunteer researchers in answering research queries. Her ability to retain useful knowledge and her skilful approaches toward the investigation of ideas, questions and puzzles relative to cultural heritage, locally and more widely, are much appreciated.

Pamela Stewart – Marrickville Heritage Society

For her commitment and outstanding service since she first joined in 1989. During her time with the Society, Pamela has served as Secretary, Vice President, Membership Secretary and a Committee Member and has always been valued for her practical suggestions and assistance provided at various events and meetings. She is a quiet achiever and has been the backbone to the Marrickville Heritage Society.

Robin Knight – Port of Yamba Historical Society

For his invaluable contribution in assisting with the preservation and sharing of local history with the community and visitors. Since joining in 2010, Robin has volunteered at the Yamba Museum on a regular basis and has significantly improved the management of and access to, the collection. Some of his achievements include: establishing a collection of 800 survey plans and 1250 land titles and collating early photographs to create a popular new publication, *Memories of Yamba*.