



# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## AUTUMN/WINTER 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
<b>April</b>					
Sat 6	9.30am – 3.30pm	RAHS/Bathurst District Historical Society – Create NSW Regional Seminar	Various	\$20	\$20
Sat 13	9:30am – 4:30pm	RAHS/OHNSW Workshop – <i>Capturing Memories: Oral History in the Digital Age</i>	Pauline Curby & Andrew Host	\$95	\$105
Tue 16	6pm – 8pm	RAHS Annual General Meeting			
Tue 30	5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – <i>A web of steel and concrete: Design and construction of the Anzac Bridge</i>	Rob Renew	\$10	\$12
<b>MAY</b>					
Wed 1	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>'Make haste and go fetch the Coroner!' Death Investigation in Colonial Sydney</i>	Catie Gilchrist	Free	Free
Thu 9	2.30pm – 4.30pm	RAHS/ISAA Lecture – <i>Milton in Stained Glass</i>	Beverley Sherry	\$5	\$10
Wed 15	11am – 1pm	RAHS/WEA Workshop – <i>Using criminal records as sources of history</i>	Christine Yeats	\$32	\$35
Thu 16	6pm – 7pm	National Archaeology Week Pre-Launch Event – Judy Birmingham and the origins of Australian Historical Archaeology	Andrew Wilson	\$10	\$15
Tue 21	5:30pm for 6pm – 8:30pm	RAHS/THS Cocktail Evening & Talk – Thredbo host 1989 Ski World Cup	Wayne Kirkpatrick	\$32	\$35
Wed 22	5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/HHAA Evening Lecture – <i>Darlinghurst Gaol</i>	Richard Whitaker	\$25	\$35
Tue 28	5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – <i>Smart Cities: Platforms for Liveable Cities</i>	Paul Budde	\$10	\$12
<b>JUNE</b>					
Wed 5	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – Lookup! Shoptops: the world above the awnings	Russell Workman	Free	Free
Sat 15	2pm – 3:30pm	RAHS/FOCP Walking Tour – Broughton Hall		\$20	\$25
Thu 20	5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm	RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – <i>The Apollo moon landings: From challenge to achievement</i>	Kerrie Dougherty	\$10	\$12
<b>JULY</b>					
Wed 3	1pm – 2pm	RAHS Day Lecture – <i>Australia's Maritime Frontier</i>	Craig Wilcox	Free	Free

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>

**RAHS/Bathurst District Historical Society – Create NSW Regional Seminar****Saturday 6 April 2019, 9:30am – 3:30pm at CWA Hall, 172 Russell Street, Bathurst, NSW 2795****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/Oral History NSW Workshop – *Capturing Memories: Oral History in the Digital Age*****Saturday 13 April 2019, 9:30am – 4:30pm at History House****Cost: RAHS/OHNSW Members \$95 | Non-Members \$105**

This practical workshop is for anyone who is interested in recording the experiences of family, friends, local communities, history of museum items or any other project incorporating memories of the past. It will equip you with the skills to undertake your own oral history interviews.

**About the speakers:** Pauline Curby has worked as a freelance professional historian since the early 1990s and has undertaken consultancies in oral history, environmental history and heritage, as well as writing a number of commissioned histories.

Andrew Host has been professionally immersed in audio for 39 years, starting in commercial radio in Sydney, and then working a further 16 years in independent recording studios in the advertising industry.

**RAHS Annual General Meeting****Tuesday 16 April 2019, 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.

**RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – *A web of steel and concrete: Design and construction of the Anzac Bridge*****Tuesday 30 April 2019, 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm at History House****Cost: RAHS/ASHET Members \$10 | Non-Members \$12 (light refreshments included)**

In the 1980s the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority began the process of designing a new bridge to replace the low-level Glebe Island Bridge which had been in use since 1903. After considering constraints and design options, engineers at the RTA proposed a cable-stayed design for the main span across Johnstons Bay. This design would require two tall towers, one at each side of the Bay, to support the cables which would hold up the road deck. This novel design was approved, amid much criticism of the tower heights and the visual impact the bridge would have when finished.

**About the speaker:** Rob Renew was previously Principal Curator, Science & Industry at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. He made many site visits to the new Glebe Island Bridge during its construction, to interview engineers involved in its design, and to document the innovative construction processes used.

**RAHS Day Lecture – *'Make haste and go fetch the Coroner!' Death Investigation in Colonial Sydney*****Wednesday 1 May 2019, 1pm – 2pm at History House****Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

In this lecture, Dr Catie Gilchrist will talk about her recent book, *Murder, Misadventure and Miserable Ends: Tales from a Colonial Coroner's Court*, and discuss some of the primary sources she used to uncover life and death in colonial Sydney.

**About the speaker:** Catie Gilchrist is a Research Affiliate in the History Department at the University of Sydney. She has a PhD in convict history from the University of Sydney (2004).

**RAHS/ISAA Lecture – *Milton in Stained Glass***

**Thursday 9 May 2019, 2.30pm – 4.30pm at History House**

**Cost: RAHS/ISAA Members \$10 | Non-Members \$12 (afternoon tea served)**

In this lecture, Beverley Sherry will focus on the representation of John Milton's work in stained glass, including: the *Paradise Lost* windows at Geneva College and Princeton University, and the Milton memorial window at St Margaret's Church, Westminster.

**About the speaker:** Beverley Sherry is an Honorary Associate at the University of Sydney, formerly a Senior Lecturer at the University of Queensland.

**RAHS/WEA Workshop – *Using criminal records as sources of history***

**Wednesday 15 May 2019, 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/UCRSH>**

This session will focus on how various nineteenth and early-twentieth century criminal records available in NSW, can be used by historians and researchers for research into past crimes.

**About the speaker:** Christine Yeats is the President of the Royal Australian Historical Society, President of the National Council of the Independent Scholars Association of Australia (ISAA) and the Chair of the NSW Chapter of ISAA.

**National Archaeology Week Pre-Launch Event – Judy Birmingham and the origins of Australian Historical Archaeology**

**Thursday 16 May 2019, 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm**

**Cost: RAHS Members \$10 | Non-Members \$15 (light refreshments included)**

Judy Birmingham is well known for her roles in the development of historical archaeology and cultural heritage management, yet she arrived at the University of Sydney in 1961 on the basis of her credentials as a Near Eastern and Mediterranean archaeologist. Join Andrew Wilson as he discusses correspondence that throws a fascinating light on the circumstances of her appointment.

**About the speaker:** Andrew Wilson is an historical archaeologist with a particular focus on the application of digital methods archaeology. His research include Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and their use in the interpretation and analysis of historical maps and the archaeology of Indigenous-European interaction in Australia.

**RAHS/Thredbo Historical Society – Thredbo host 1989 Ski World Cup**

**Tuesday 21 May 2019, 5:30pm for 6pm – 8:30pm at History House**

**Cost: RAHS|THS Members \$32 | Non-Members \$35 (light refreshments included)**

Wayne Kirkpatrick, current Chairman of Tourism Snowy Mountains was Managing Director of Thredbo Alpine Resort from 1984–89 when the resort hosted only the 2nd Ski World Cup ever to be held in the southern hemisphere. Wayne's 30th anniversary talk will cover the initiatives taken by key figures in securing FIS consent to hold the event in Australia at Thredbo.

**RAHS/Historic Houses Association of Australia joint event – *Darlinghurst Gaol***

**Wednesday 22 May, Refreshments from 5.30 pm. Lecture 6pm to 7 pm**

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

**Bookings through HHA online at: <https://hhaoa.wildapricot.org/event-3292254>**

Join Richard Whitaker as he discusses the history of Darlinghurst Gaol. From 1814 to 1914, Darlinghurst Gaol was Sydney's main prison. Corporal punishment was common, as were regular hangings that were held over the years – including the execution of Louisa Collins – the last woman to be hanged in NSW.

**About the speaker:** Richard Whitaker is known as Australia's premiere weatherman, with a career spanning over 40 years. His writings extend to the field of history and he maintains an interest with Foxtel as a writer for the History Channel and the Crime Investigation Channel.

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

**Tuesday 28 May 2019, 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm 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 – *Lookup! Shoptops: the world above the awnings***

**Wednesday 5 June 2019, 1pm – 2pm at History House**

**Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

Many people using inner-west suburban shops are unaware of what is literally above their heads. People look in shop windows below the awnings, but rarely take notice of what is above. Join professional photographer Russell Workman and discover what you see if you only look up once in awhile.

**About the speaker:** Russell Workman has been working as a professional photographer for over 40 years, starting as an official photographer for the Department of Navy. For many years, he was a full time photographer at the University of Sydney.

**RAHS/Friends of Callan Park Walking Tour – *Broughton Hall***

**Saturday, 15 June 2019, 2pm – 3:30pm at Broughton Hall**

**Cost: RAHS/FOCP Members \$20 | Non-Members \$25**

Join us for a guided walking tour of Broughton Hall in Sydney's inner west. Sometimes overlooked beside Callan Park, Broughton Hall developed as a private maritime villa with links to local government and the Ramsay family. It was lent to the government as a hospital for returning shell-shocked soldiers during WWI.

**Attendees please meet** at the corner of Wharf Road and Church Street, Lilyfield. Visit our website for more information on parking and public transport options.

**RAHS/ASHET Evening Lecture – *The Apollo moon landings: From challenge to achievement***

**Thursday 20 June 2019, 5:30pm for 6pm – 7pm at History House**

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

In this lecture, Kerrie Dougherty will look at how NASA took the Apollo program for concept to reality in less than a decade, solving engineering, technical and scientific issues to win the greatest prize of the Space Race against the USSR – a successful landing on the moon with the Apollo 11 mission.

**About the speaker:** Kerrie Dougherty is an independent space historian, author and freelance curator. Formerly Curator of Space Technology at the Powerhouse Museum,

**RAHS Day Lecture – *Australia's Maritime Frontier***

**Wednesday 3 July 2019, 1pm – 2pm at History House**

**Cost: Free (tea, coffee and biscuits served)**

In an address given on 8 October 2018, Dr Craig Wilcox stated that there is a: 'blind spot in our vision of Australian frontier conflict ... Conflict caused by expansion inland and coastal lodgements around the continent has, in many ways, been incorporated into Australian military history. However, conflict caused by expansion across the seas remains understudied.' This talk will consider what the course of Australian maritime frontier conflict might look like.

**About the speaker:** Dr Craig Wilcox has worked at the Australian War Memorial, has held a fellowship at the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies in London, and is an honorary Associate of the Centre for Historical Research at the National Museum of Australia.